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Urbanology

I am always pleased to see attention given to our cities, but much of the recent media coverage of Canadian urban woes seems awfully misdirected ("Serving our cities," Cover, June 3). I would hardly characterize the emergence of urban living in Canadian cities during the 1980s and '90s as decline. A lot of the problems we are witnessing today—a lack of housing and congestion—are troubles that bear growing and thriving cities, not crumbling and neglected ones. You point to Philadelphia as a once-troubled city enjoying newfound vibrancy. Yet its decay stemmed from a massive exodus, not a large influx of people as in Toronto. Our governments must accept more influence and more funding to cities. But I fear the need for our urban vision will be lost amid the media-dripped crisis of impending doom. All in all, our cities are doing pretty well. We need sober thought, not quick-fix solutions, to make them even better.

Christopher DeWitt, Calgary

If we Canadians are to save our cities, then all politicians at all three levels of government have to accept most if not all the blame for what has been allowed to take place. That is, congested roads, a massive exodus of cars and trucks and a totally un-



acceptable lack of long-term infrastructure funding and ongoing revenue support for public transit. The federal government has put aside some totally pathetic and inadequate \$2 billion in transit funding for the whole of Canada. Does it not suffice that Vancouver alone will need all of that just to complete the third section of the SkyTrain development? We and our politicians have the last chance to decide whether to make our cities far more livable, like those in Europe where public transit has priority, or to be perpetual slaves to the oil and auto industries.

Robert Taggart, Birmingham, England

I have just moved back to Toronto after living abroad for seven years in Berlin and two years in San Diego, Calif. I find it amazing that at the time I've been gone, the only public-transit improvement in the city has been the construction of half a subway to a shopping mall. In the meantime, Berlin's transit system has been totally revamped since German reunification. Subways, commuter trains and sleek regional express trains (made by Canadian Bombardier) form a highly popular integrated network.

Nikolai J. Pevsnt, Toronto

After much travel, we have come to accept the fact that in North America we don't do cities well. No point trying to improve the situation by copying the historical cities of Europe. But the New World offer hope. Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide, Melbourne and Perth all show that Australian cities could serve as excellent models.

Robin and Barbara Daniels, Ottawa

St. Michael's Hospital sits in the heart of some of Toronto's poorest neighborhoods and I would argue that we are at significant risk of taking a path that will lead to the U.S. ghetto syndrome. It is telling that there is no reliable information about the numbers of homeless and underhoused Canadians. But we do know that Toronto's shelter beds have experienced a 40

Urban paradise

I was born and raised in the Maudslayi district of Ottawa and I lived and worked for 26 years in downtown Toronto, but it wasn't until I moved to a suburb of Quebec City four years ago that I really knew what paradise was ("Serving our cities," Cover, June 3). We paid \$5 a day for daycare. Summer camp last year cost us \$45 a child for six weeks, and to top it all off I send my two children, aged 7 and 8, to the local French school and they are now perfectly bilingual. I don't think a day has gone by since we moved here that, as I drove my wife into work and we passed the Plaza of Abenaki and through the gates into the old city, I don't say, "You know, we will never live in such a beautiful place as Quebec City again," and she replies, "I know."

Michael Lefebvre, Ste-Foy, Que.

per cent growth in use between 1988 and 1999. St. Michael's Hospital has research that demonstrates that the cost of caring for individuals who reside within certain postal codes is 50 per cent more than those who live in wealthier neighbourhoods. We know that about 10,000 people who come to our emergency department each year are homeless or under-housed and rely upon us to provide their primary care. It would help enormously if governments at all levels would recognize the need for and fund more affordable housing. Many of our patients would then have a place to live and recover, or perhaps entirely avoid some of their health problems because they have adequate shelter.

Jeffrey G. Luman, President, St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto

"Serving our cities" fails to mention cycling. City planners are looking for investments in proper bike routes yield greater returns than other transport modes. Cycling is the cheapest, healthiest and often fastest way to get around.

Bruce Warren, New Westminster, B.C.

Old jocks never die

Jonathan Gauthier has captured the passion and camaraderie that drives rugby players back onto the field each spring to

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subject our bodies to what appear to be the average person's senseless punishment ("Where did jocks go to die," The Back Page, June 3). Rugby players play because, despite the cuts, bruises and vast array of other injuries, engaging in such a physically demanding sport is one of the best ways to feel alive. For anyone missing the sheer joy of driving your opponent into the ground, take Gathouse's advice: lace up your cleats and get on the field... for at least one more season.

Ben Wells, Huron, Ont.

After reading The Back Page, I had this thought: "Jonathan Gathouse will not want to have children, she has one already."

NEC Laid, Victoria

I was surprised to read Jonathan Gathouse's article on "old jocks"—and him a mere boy of 33 years. At the beginning of May, I participated in three rugby games where the minimum age was 60 years. Three teams from Japan visited British Columbia and each played three games against Canadian players of similar age.

Cowan McIlroy, West Vancouver

Slippery slope

"Condition critical" (Health, June 3), outlines fear expressed about the continuing decline of health care. However, a glibble public, deluded by an NDP-inspired notion of "free" health care controlled entirely by government, has only itself to blame. The other person responsible is the "free" system beyond a point of affordability to us to garner votes from this same glibble public. The smothering-for-nothing crowd now wants to believe only reform is needed rather than abolishing the entire system. So discuss any sort of user-pay or private insurance component with howls by the defenders of medicine. Innovative private/public collaborations are possible based on any number of eligibility criteria based on taxable income. But it will be necessary to scrap the untenable Canada Health Act, something politicians are fearful of doing.

Dr. Richard Bruckner, Westminster, Ont.

There are serious problems in the Canadian health-care system but it amazes me when I read statements like those attrib-



Illustration by Ben Wells

uted to Vicki Werner in "Condition critical." She proposes that if we were allowed to pay extra money it "might free up a spot for someone else." Realistically, if Werner is allowed to pay extra because the car, what doctor is going to opt for staying in a public system and work for less money, potentially for less, with second-class treatment? Not many. Caring out those who can't pay and sending them to the back of the line won't solve our medicine problems, but it will allow the wealthier segments of society to forget about theirs.

Doreen Brooks, Kelowna, B.C.

Acts of desperation

Barbara Arzuff laments that Europe and most of the world would feel weeks on the masses by the Israeli in Israel—"the massacre that never took place," as Arzuff chose to call it ("The new evil empire," May 27). Whether it did or did not we may never know since Israel did not let the UN investigate. Actual depictions that, in her words, the United Nations is a club for and run by the Third World, but she does not mention that Europe relied for many of the UN resolutions condemning Israel for its actions.

Debbie Freston, Regina

Even one lonely voice of reason helps to ease the frustration of recent months. Barbara Arzuff deserves a big thank-you for stating the obvious: the Middle East crisis has provided an international platform for anti-American, anti-Israeli and anti-Semitic sentiments.

In Babel, Mississauga, Ont.

Can we please have fewer columns by Barbara Arzuff and more by people with opinions on information on more than one subject? The Israel-Palestine issue is

confusing and tragic, but there's only so often any given person can speak on an issue without repeating themselves, a point Arzuff crossed ages ago. In recent months, both sides have sunk to new depths. The vast majority of us don't particularly like either side anymore and just want it to end for the sake of everyone involved. But until there's something new to be said about it, let's hear about something else.

David Branson, Garth, Ont.

Top this

Feth is being a shade hyperbolic in "A character out for cities" (June 3) when he says "the water experience on earth is to be caught behind a London double-decker bus with its exhaust belt leaving a layer of soot on your innocent face." He could have killed up the car windows. No, Feth, the worst experience on earth is to be in a taxi smothered on a hot, breezy summer day by a three-hour traffic jam on a bridge in Lagos, Nigeria, right behind a lorry which collects, to put it euphemistically, right-well. And the taxi windows are broken. Pee-ew!

Arnold Robinson, Spratford, B.C.

Allan Fotheringham may be trying for humor with his piece on mosquitoes and cities, but the fact is that mosquitoes are everywhere and the reason is simple—stagnancy. Put their names on these life-cycle plans and watch their numbers improve. Feth should also realize that the hate-Toronto gene is juvenile and boring. Over the years, Toronto has changed from a prime, closed-on-Sundays town to a sparkling city of ethnic neighborhoods to a major financial centre, but no matter how it transforms itself the hatreds are steadfast. They may be trying to prove the adage that says we need to create enemies so that we can be ourselves as heroes.

Marcus Korman, White Rock, B.C.

General cynicism

The people who would authorize \$1,000 a day for retired Gen. Maurice Bédard to carry out an inquiry into the friendly-fire tragedy would be the same people who periodically give themselves hefty raises—our politicians, our vanguard of the people ("Over and under achievers," Overton, June 3). It's no wonder there's so much cynicism in our country.

Corbin MacIntyre, Vernon, B.C.

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Overture

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FIFA's World Cup of colts



Christophe Dego, France—Isn't France's premiere the soccer?



Kim Byung-il, South Korea—martial arts aren't just for hockey players

Soccer-speak

Canadian legends are divided. Here's why.

Goalkeeping: In soccer, the goalkeeper is the only player allowed to use their hands to touch the ball. In hockey, the goalie is the only player who can use their hands to touch the puck. In soccer, the goalkeeper is the only player who can use their hands to touch the ball. In hockey, the goalie is the only player who can use their hands to touch the puck.



David Beckham, England—OK, but aren't those Peck's earrings?



Djibril Cissé, France—going to be the Dennis Rodman



Gold Jones, USA—hey, Medusa wants her snakes back



Tobi Voss, Nigeria—making contact with the mother ship



Sebastian Almeida, Uruguay—yellow card for split ends

Yellow card: In soccer, a yellow card is a warning for unsportsmanlike conduct, or a red card (game suspension) after two yellows or directly red behavior. In the referee's penalty book, it's a warning for unsportsmanlike conduct, or a red card (game suspension) after two yellows or directly red behavior.

Was Elvis keepin' it kosher?

Have you heard the one about the three animals, an ultra-Orthodox Jewish Tins imperator and a rabbi? No? OK, it's not a joke, but things can get pretty funny when the unlikely band bairns a Weinberg for Grouched intent on telling the world that **Elvis Presley** was Jewish.

That's the premise of Schmelz's *Searching for the Kings Jesus Kops*, a 70-minute documentary that hits on time June 18. After reading a 1988 *Wall Street Journal* article that derided the King of Rock 'n' Roll as great-great-grandmother **Nancy Budleit** Tackitt, was Jewish Marxist filmmaker **Eva Buell**, **Max Weinberg** and **Al Cohen** thought the subject was worth pursue-

ing. But they needed a star Weinberg's grandmother told them about **Don Hatala**, a Milwaukee-based Tinsinger sonnet known as Schmelz, who "gigs" in senior citizens homes. Hatala signed on as long as they could travel to Memphis so he could recite the Kaddish—the Jewish prayer for the dead—at Elvis's grave.

The Weinbergs, Schmelz and **Rabbi Reuben Poupko**—who serves as spiritual adviser—travel first to Grouched and then to Israel spreading the good word. While they expect to meet with some resistance south of the border, the cast of oddballs are surprised when nearly everyone—including diehard fans and born-again Christians—doesn't cast their



Photo: Bob D'Amico

Memphis's teenage son had Jewish blood in Israel they anticipate people will react with pride, but as in the U.S., nobody is all that shook up. The only conflict they encounter is within the group itself, as Poupko and Schmelz engage in heated, humorous debate. Turns out, the Rabbi's not too fond of Schmelz's observations, calling him a pious Jew.

Schmelz does Israel

The film reveals that Elvis did embrace his Jewish roots after discovering that part of his heritage as a teenager—he began wearing a Jewish pendant and later placed a Star of David on his mother's tombstone. How do you say love me tender in Hebrew?

John Koebel

Reach out and spin someone

In the brief annals of 24/7 on his new TV, rarely has he not spun down to test and failure. As it did on the Sunday when **Paul Martin** visited **Joan Cleland**'s cabinet, New France Minister **John Manley** had family been sworn in before Martin loyalists were in CBC Newsworld's studio off Parliament Hill putting their guy's case before the ubiquitous **Don Newman**. **Mike Robb** was a long time Martin in-house, with holding forth when the Prime Minister's Office pressed enough was enough. A PMO operative with Newman's call number called him while he was on the air, informing him that **Katrina Goldenberg**, Cleland's closest ally after age, was ready to offer the opposing camp a new, Sars. Enough. Goldenberg was under the hot lights before you could say call time. And as the point counterpoint, no charge—given—answered. On your right—your rules of engagement were set. They took—the staff these guys used to keep behind closed doors they're now eating to say into open mikes.



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Roll 'n' Rock

In 1993, the first **MadMusic** video Awards were held on a cross-Canada tour. Vis travelled the country for three weeks, giving out awards along the way. "We put a studio in a baggage car," says **David Weiss**, then a producer and now head honcho at the music station. "When the train stopped, we'd open the doors and bands would play. People came off and on—like the **Northern Pikes** and **Drum Cockburn**." But the only thing resembling a talk at this year's ceremony airing June 18 from the **CityTV** parking lot, will be the live at the central bar.

The **MadMusic** are now all about the gigs—a music junkie from **David Winkler** and **Anna Heller** have shown us unspectacularly live, it's a very exclusive event. VJs are roared into the



Photo: Michael Ondaatje

party area without a direct view of the video, while 1,200 screaming fans take spots in front of the stage, live at charge. This year, performers include **Madison**, **Madhouse** and **Sam G**. Compared to the standard auto-tuned awards show this outdoor event party concert is a logistical nightmare, says Weiss—and describes it as the night. "Just have **Leary Kneels** wouldn't I come out of his dressing room until we get him a pile of cookies." He didn't, that hint of behavior would have gotten him thrown into the bin.

Over and Under Achievers

► **Ralph Klein**: Chosen affiliate at Western Peoples Conference watches counter-Klein plan for combating global warming notes respect ability. Ralph could sell me 10 suits. In this case they'll soon need some.

► **John Robinson Smith**: Vocal concert's book making in Sydney gets a 500 and 500 more are turned away. Australian passport? Beer, sailing, and urban Irish philosophy.

► **Bryce Adams**: At 42 the Canadian content at the Queen's Jubilee guitar rock band looked positively (perhaps) at least surrounded by the likes of **St. Paul McCartney**, **55**, and **Joe Lewis**. 61.

► **Robert B. MacKinnon**: Scientist knows that finds oldest fossil footprint near Kingston. Get impossible to say if 500 million year-old bugs supported. **John Cleland** or **Paul Martin** but by their shirring they appear to have been Liberals.

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Iraq, loved and lost

On many bright mornings, Behram and Luk dashed barefoot across the street from their house to mine, carrying an enamel bowl of grain's milk, pomegranate and a heap of unleavened bread, fresh from their mother's oven. We often shared breakfast on my veranda, using the international language of small children—a elaborate code of shrugs and the smiles. On my first visit to their mud house, an old man crouched in the slight courtyard shadows, gazing into the dust, his full-length cotton *galabeya* stretched across his knees. Nearby, a bare-chested baby crawled in the dirt, while a ragged goat coprophagued at the end of its rope. Behram, Luk and I played a complicated game involving a very long piece of string and several snails. My inaptitude

left us talking about the ground, developed in wild giggles. This was in Kirkuk. Or perhaps Basra. It could have been either of the two cities where I lived when my father worked for the Iraqi Petroleum Co. in the 1950s. I rarely thought of Behram and Luk, or Iraq, in the years between our departure in the late '60s and the Gulf War. If I was asked where I was brought up, I might mention Haddam, a small Sumerian town, or my Canadian boarding school. But I'd make only brief mention of the Middle East. After all, until 1990, few people had even heard of Iraq, let alone knew where Basra or Kirkuk might be.

But since then, I've thought of Iraq almost every day. I've recalled Muhiuddin, the boyish man in the white shirt who guided the nearby Coptic factory. Unable to afford to feed the family's 11th child, his father left him on the railway tracks. But rather than killing him, the train had cut off both his legs. Muhiuddin had been rescued and raised by other villagers. My small brother brought this story home like a wild curiosity, just one more glimpse of the new life we soon grew used to seeing all around us.

When the new season's figs were in the sack, Zaynah, our houseboy, took me to the market on his bicycle to buy a falo. I remember watching the mobster tinker slapping falo into the fiery row of her mud oven. When the chaparral fell to the ashly floor, Mithrad and I, screaming, shed bread like a peon, grinding with a mouthful of broken teeth. Once, David, the school bus driver stopped off in his house to show us the monkey his sister kept in the kitchen.

I can no longer listen to the radio again: Saddam Hussein, to politicians talking about the plight of the Iraqi people



Some days I think I cannot bear to know any more of what they suffer. Name me one person you will help. I want to tell the strangers. Name one old woman to whom you will give medicine. Tell me how you will aid my childhood friends. Tell me what you can do in the rubble of the place I left long ago.

While Iraqis still live there, battered and beaten by anglophobia and deprivation, it seems childish to grieve so hard, simply longing for childhood. But in my dreams, date-laden beams still drift down the Shatt al-Arab River, and gossamer mist blooms in the desert. Men still draw on bubble-bubble pipes at market stalls while women carry their laundry to the river in gales on their heads. I listen for the sound of the mountain child, the faithful to prayer, hear a doctress tending a child weeping down from a nightmare.

My Kirkuk is gone now—to ancient hatred and much of the city have been demolished. Basra, too, has been battered by war, conflict and poverty. It is hard enough to return to a place you know, only to find it changed. It is a real grief to know you can never return to the place whose sights, sounds, smells and tastes flow through you, as thick as blood.

For most Westerners, Iraq is just one more name in the news. For them, so many it of politics and tyranny, petroleum and money. But for me, it's about people who shared so much of their lives with pale English children in cotton shorts and sundresses.

Every day as David drove us across the desert road to school, we'd poke shards of paper through holes in the floor between the seats. There we'd run to kneel at the back windows, and watch them flurry and flutter behind in like escaping butterflies. Some days I'd wait to release the mosquitoes that had me no place that no longer exists. I'd like to see them now, you small person and watch them disappear behind me in the desert winds. But each one remains a small part of a pattern, intricate and evocative, of a place that created the child who became this person who leans toward a few Arabic words spoken on a Vancouver street, who searches for eyes hidden behind a veil as a new immigrant disappears around a corner. I am still attached to a place that can never be found, however much I long for it.

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The Week That Was



Street shops in a Baghdad suburb, 1990

Footprints in time

Scientists have long been fascinated with trying to determine when the first creatures walked onto land from the prehistoric seas. Now a group studying an abandoned quarry near Kingston, Ont., has found footprints embedded in a sandstone that is 440 million to 500 million years old. That pushes the generally accepted time frame for the emergence of the first terrestrial animals back some 40 million years. Nothing in the journal

Geology, Robert MacGowan, a scientist at the Geological Survey of Canada, said the Canadian and British co-author, said the find includes some 25 tracks that typically have a central area where a body and tail made impressions, and parallel areas where rows of legs left multiple footprints. They suspect the fossil tracks were left by arthropods, but the arthropods whose bodies retained protective outer shells and long legs. Fossilized vertebrates—whose descendants include humans—came around much later, around

Back to the U.S.A.

Anti-abortion activist James Koop 47, was returned from France to the United States, where he pleaded not guilty to charges relating to the 1998 sniper slaying of Dr. Barnett Strosch in Buffalo, N.Y. Koop, captured more than a year ago after an international manhunt, dropped his fight against extradition when the French government received an assurance from American authorities that he would not face the death penalty in Canada. Koop has been charged with the 1995 attempted murder of Dr. Hugh Short of Ancona, Ont., and is a chief suspect in two other sniper slayings in Canada abortion providers in Vancouver and Winnipeg.

Against animal cruelty

Canadians who abuse animals may soon face steeper penalties. Last week, the House of Commons passed the badly contested animal cruelty bill, under which those found guilty of intentional cruelty will face up to five years in jail and a maximum fine of \$10,000. Currently, guilty parties are subject to a maximum sentence of six months and fines of up to \$2,000. Critics are concerned the bill may enable animal activists to target farmers and ranchers for branding and other traditional practices. C-156 must still be approved by the Senate before becoming law.

Skafel convicted

After more than three days of deliberation, a jury found Michael Skafel, 41, guilty of murder in the 1975 killing of Dr. Martin Mosley. His family, who had long wanted either charges would ever be leveled, was public. "This is Martin's day," said his mother Dorothy outside the courtroom. Skafel and Martin Mosley were 15-year-old neighbours in an exclusive neighbourhood of Glenview, Conn., when the pretty blond was found beaten to death with

A golf club in her parents' property the case went cold for more than 20 years, raising speculation that a world of wealth and privilege was protecting the murderer. A spate of books in the 1990s reignited interest in the case and Siskel, the nephew of Robert Kennedy's widow, Ethel Kennedy, was eventually involved. Siskel, who will be sentenced on July 18, could face life in prison.

Continuing crisis

Even as President Pervez Musharraf was promoting U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage that Pakistan would not start a war with India, heavy military blasts and

gunfire continued on both sides of the border. Escalating tensions between the two nuclear-armed states, as odds over the degraded Embassy of Kashmir have prompted some foreign embassies to warn their citizens to return home. Armitage's visit, however, who also traveled to India, said tensions had begun to ease, although the two sides were still exchanging mortar and machine-gun fire.

Hitting back

Patty Letter Southern Inc. executives took out a one-page, one-day newspaper ad castigating CNN's Global Communications Corp. for limiting freedom of the

press. The ad, which ran in the June 1 issue of the *Opie and Mead*, the *Washing Post* and the *Hill Country Weekly*, was in response to CNN's decision last December to place all of the Southern coast's 14 offices—as well as the National Post—in its headquarters. CNN's policy has been determined by journalists, who claim it will lead to the crowding of ideas which differ from those of the paper family—CNN's controlling shareholders.

Zero tolerance, sort of

A group of Roman Catholic bishops in the U.S. released a report intended to address the ongoing sexual abuse that has plagued the Church in recent months. The report, prepared by the U.S. National Committee on Sexual Abuse, recommends that priests who molest children in the future face a zero-tolerance policy. However, those found guilty of past abuse should, under certain conditions, be given a second chance—including counseling and agreeing to public disclosure. The report will be voted on when bishops meet across the U.S. next week in Dallas.

Politics and ETA

Spanish legislators took the first step toward outlawing the political party of the Basque separatist group ETA. Members of the Congress of Deputies—parliament's lower house—overwhelmingly approved a bill that, when the Supreme Court to dissolve political parties viewed as encouraging or supporting terrorism. ETA has killed more than 800 people during its three-decade-long struggle for an independent Basque homeland. The legislation goes before the Senate June 25 and is expected to pass.

Power games

What does a top partner in trouble do? Why turn to a former NDP partner of course. In a growing case over electricity privatization, Ontario's Ontario government was due to name its NDP leader

Passages

Drafted: Leif Adam Lorenson, 26, and Jeff French, of North Delta, B.C., became Canada's highest Major League draft picks. Lorenson, 26, was born in the Baltimore Orioles and French, 23, to the Colorado Rockies.

Announced: Ted Rogers, president and CEO of Rogers Communications Inc., which owns *Maclean's*, will be presented with an honorary doctor of laws degree from the University of Toronto. A long-time supporter of the institution, Rogers, 59, has donated \$27.5 million to the school since 1998.

Fired: The Toronto Blue Jays let go manager **Buck Martinez**, 53. Three other coaches also exited: **Carlos Roca**, 48, taken over for the rest of the season.

Died: David Dee Dee Ramsey, whose real name was Douglas Glen Cobin, was a founding member of the pioneer punk band the **Ramones**. Cobin, 50, died of a suspected drug overdose in his Hollywood home.

Won: Frederick, N.B., soprano **Melba Nurgalieva**, 24, took the \$25,000 first prize in the International Jeanette Meuccio singing competition.

Awarded: Judy Piat Cori, 63, a Toronto resident, received the **Wendell Award for Tolerance, Justice and Human Rights** for smuggling more than 3,000 Jews out of Syria from the early 1970s until 2000.

Died: In 1947, former Royal Canadian Air Force officer **Ken Patrick** founded CAE Inc.—an aviation company that specializes in making flight simulators. Patrick, 86, died in Victoria.

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The Week That Was



New revelations about the Pickton farm

'A cruel disclosure'

A Vancouver television station reported that police found at least one head, along with the hands and feet of two women, in a freezer at the suburban pig farm they're swabbing in connection with the disappearance of 58 women from the city's seamy Downtown Eastside. BC-CIV claimed that the joint Vancouver police-RCMP task force that has been scouring the Port Coquitlam farm since February found the remains several months ago. Normally one of the officers updates the voters, families about developments before they're made public, so the TV revelation left some of the women's relatives shaken. "It was a cruel disclosure," said Eric Grey, whose sister

Dawn disappeared in November, 2000. Police have refused to confirm or deny the report—or whether they're investigating a link. "What people want to know about this case is the kind of information that, if made public, could well implicate a firm that," said Vancouver police Sgt. Scott Delaney. The controversy erupted as police and experts in anthropology and osteology—the study of human bones—began excavating the 4.5-hectare farm and an adjoining property. The experts, mostly students from universities across Canada, led to sign non-disclosure agreements and go through criminal background checks. Robert Pickton, 52, who co-owns the farm, is charged with the first-degree murder of seven of the missing women.

Bob Rae to the head of Hydro One Inc., its power transmission utility, along with several other ex-politicians. The entire previous board resigned in a dispute with the government over executive pay levels. The furor erupted after it was reported that Hydro One CEO Eleanor Cliburne earned \$2.2 million last year, and would also earn \$6 million if she leaves under almost any circumstances—plus receive an immediate lifelong annual pension of \$1 million. Board supporters argued that such compensation was typical in private industry, while critics said Hydro One remained a government entity with its well-off increasingly in doubt after an adverse court ruling.

Yes and oui

New Brunswick, the only officially bilingual province, introduced changes to existing 1989 Official Languages Act. Premier Bernard

Lord's Tory government tried a bill that would, among other things, create a commissioner to oversee the act and investigate complaints, ensure access to health care in both languages, and require municipalities with linguistic minorities of more than 20 per cent of the population to have bylaws in both French and English.

Bullying in the courts

David Knight, 17, and his sister Katherine, 16, launched a lawsuit against the Huron District School Board in Ontario and several school officials. The two claim they suffered more than four years of harassment and abuse at Lester B. Pearson High School in Burlington, Ont., and that the school failed to protect them. Spokesmen for the school board said accusations of harassment were dealt with appropriately. The case is one of many that has focused attention on bullying in schools.



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Attempting to wait in the West Bank near Qalqilya

Deadly drama mounts in the Middle East

As a sharp warning as can be delivered, Israel's soldiers once again stormed Yasser Arafat's West Bank compound last week, this time adding his bodyguard with bullets and tank shells. Arafat was caught in the pre-dawn assault—he had been working through the night as his style. In a lower floor of the building, but one of his security officers were killed and several others injured.

Israeli officials denied the raid was directly targeted at the Palestinian leader. Still, there are warning signs that both Israel and, more recently, the U.S. ally have lost all confidence in Arafat's ability to negotiate a Middle East peace. Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has long

believed that Arafat is a detriment to the peace process and has been considering terrorist attacks on the Jewish state. And while Washington has repeatedly warned Israel against "harassment or bugging Arafat," a White House spokesman now says that George W. Bush feels Arafat "has never played a role of someone who can be trusted and who is effective." The spokesman added that the U.S. is starting to reach out to other potential Palestinian leaders.

The attack on the compound came a day after an 80-year-old Islamic militant blew up a Renault van packed with explosives while driving inside a bus in northern Israel, near the town of Migdalot. At

least 17 people, including the bomber and 13 Israeli soldiers returning to their posts, were incinerated as the bus burst into flames—one of the most dramatic and deadly suicide bombings in recent months. A further 40 were taken to hospital, including driver Haimy Karel who has now survived four terrorist attacks.

Syria-based Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility for the attack. It was symbolically timed for the anniversary of the start of the 1957 war which led to Israel's 38 year occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. It also came just as Csk director George Tenet was leaving the region. He had spent two days trying to convince Arafat to reform his security apparatus and crack down on terrorism. He was also

laying the groundwork for a meeting between Sharon and Bush at Camp David this week. That is supposed to follow a separate get-together between Bush and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak that is aimed at starting a new international peace process for the region. A key component of the Mubarak plan is that Israel withdraw completely to its pre-1947 borders. That has become more complicated of late as, faced with a spate of terrorist bombings, Sharon has begun the construction of a 189 km buffer zone of high fences, ditches and electronic monitoring around certain predominantly Jewish cities on the West Bank. Many Israeli members of his government are even calling for Israeli forces to fully occupy the territory.

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The Bloody on the Muddy

The mighty Mississippi rises just south of Winnipeg. It divides America. Mingo Cuomo, the Harlem-on-the-Hudson, the most articulate politician of his time as governor of New York State, finally decided he would not seek the presidency in 1992 because, pundits observed, was of the Mississippi he had too many vowels in his name. Nudge aside, work with it. (Hello there, *The Spectator*.)

The great river provides the border between Minnesota and Wisconsin. Between Iowa and Illinois. Separates Missouri from Kentucky. Keeps Arkansas from Tennessee. Divides Louisiana from Mississippi before dumping its magnificent brown load, at New Orleans, into the Gulf of Mexico. Where, when George Bush Sr. at decade announced his unusual surprise choice of Don Quigley in his neo-presidential campaign, the latter, so excited, rushed up to embrace Bush—and knocked the future president's glasses off.

There has now been another divide—the memorable clash between Lemmy Lewis and Mike Tyson, for the heavyweight wrestling championship of what pains for the civilized world Lewis, the assembly-challenged chap who was born in London, won an Olympic gold medal for Canada, when he lived as a teenager, and now poses herself off as a Brit.

And had boy Tyson, in and out of jail on his off-weeks, who at a major press conference in his training camp in Hawaii told a female television reporter: "I usually don't do interviews with women unless I fornicate with them. So you shouldn't talk any more. Unless you want to, you know."

Such is boxing. Particularly on the Mississippi, where Mike Tyson and Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn used to roam. Tyson would enjoy the pick of Memphis, Tina, as the locale of the riverfront match that attracted some 4,000 scribbles to watch who can squabble the brains of the other. It's the only sport in the world since the Roman Colosseum games designed to kill, if possible, the opponent.

The Mississippi, gathering near, by Memphis is more than a kilometer wide, interrupted only by the aptly named Mud Island. The most impressive bank of water these eyes have seen since the Arsenic, which at one stretch is nearly two km wide. The size, of course, is the equivalent of Elva, who in his corpse brings more money to the town each year than the US\$100 million dugging match, the richest in history.

Graceland, where Elva is buried in the backyard, is larger than a lot of Saskatchewan farms. And visited by every big American who owns a flowered shirt and shorts. This, as

everyone knows, is the 25th anniversary of his death—going before his time as did Marilyn Monroe, Judy Garland, Edith Piaf, James Dean and Oscar Wilde, perfume being even more famous dead than alive. Elva Presley Exclamation, which manages the singer's estate, vigorously controls the use of the singer's name.

At Graceland, if you can push past the fat ones in the never-ending lineups, you can tour his two passive places and sleep at Elva's Gifu for Kids. It's Disneyland for the blessed here who died of too much food and painkillers. A Geacpa development company wants to spend \$500 million on developing a resort nearby on 800 acres that includes a 163-acre ranch that Elva used as a retreat with bride Priscilla. Highway 51 South in Memphis, need we say, in 1971 was named Elva Presley Boulevard. One often reads in Graceland was named Albern, but Elva had his own name for her. It was "VO5."

Memphis, in we all recall, was where Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated on that April night in 1968. On the balcony of the Lorraine Motel just before the weekend Pierre Trudeau was to be assassinated, 48 hours later, as the dazzling new leader of the Liberal party and prime minister of Canada. And as all the scribbles unfolded, the night after King's murder, to listen to the leadership speeches of Trudeau, Eric

Kierin, Paul Martin Sr., John Turner and the rest, we kept racing into the press room to watch Arsenic—poor King—burn down the inner circle of Dorr and Los Angeles and Chicago and beyond. It was quite a night.

Memphis is a great stop on the Mississippi, with or without Elva. The wooden walkway can still rumble along—where dusk—Main Street. With a warning sign: "Please keep your hands and arms inside the trolley." On Beale Street, at 800 p.m., at B B King's Blues Club, a hefty audience better with the ocean power of Ethel Merman, Miss Ruby Wilson, messages—"For you elderly folk!"—Gregory On My Mind, Ted

have to see the place at midnight.

When it was Muhammad Ali vs. Joe Frazier, it was The Thrilla in Manila. When it was Ali vs. George Foreman in Zaire, it was The Rumble in the Jungle. They called this one The Rumble on the River. Or The Showdown in M-Town. Or The Bloody on the Muddy, where rock 'n' roll took off with Elva. Doest's music. This is the Mississippi Delta, the land of John Gisham, Shelby Foote, Tina Turner, B B King and The King.

As they sing in *Showboat*: *That of mine river, he got better, nothin' along.*



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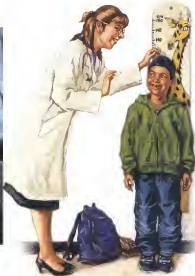
BY DANYLO HAWALESHKA

Imagine for a moment that you're a smoker who's been wanting to quit a pack-a-day habit for a while now. Or, if you can't picture yourself as a nicotine addict, maybe your doctor has been after you to trim that Nelson muscle around your expanding midriff. Perhaps your cholesterol is bad, or your blood pressure is high, you have diabetes, or you just can't seem to pry yourself off the couch. And let's face it, none of us is getting any younger, right? Now that you've identified a health risk or two, consider what could happen. Would you know you were possibly about to die if suddenly you felt dizzy and your vision blurred? How about if you experienced an abrupt weakness, numbness or tingling in the face, arm or leg, had trouble speaking, or got a severe headache out of the blue? In a few cases you might drag it off, lie down and hope the discomfort passes.

Not a good idea. You'd be ignoring the warnings signs associated with a stroke, says Maureen McKern, director of health promotion and prevention at the County-City Health Unit in Peterborough, Ont. "You don't just kind of wait around and self-diagnose, or say maybe it's nothing," cautions McKern. "Often, we go into denial, but we should let somebody who knows make the diagnosis."

Making the right call and say if you don't know the vital signs. The time can be used about the challenges besetting the 54 centres across Canada included in this year's fourth annual *McMaster* ranking of health-care services. If we don't know how the system is functioning, how can anyone ever hope to fix it? Hard numbers help, including this year, for the first time, data from the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) on where Canadians are most likely to receive a stroke. The ranking casts a wide net, from the densely populated urban centres blessed with superb teaching hospitals to vast rural regions with few specialized services. The charts on the following pages rank the regions according to their performance in 22 indicators of proficient health-care delivery.

These findings, comparing the services available to more than 87 per cent of Cana-



THE FOURTH ANNUAL RANKING

Measuring health care

North and West Vancouver, Edmonton, Victoria, Kelowna, B.C.—Western centres top the list

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dians, give medical professionals, patients and their families an opportunity to make stock and compare how their regions measure up to the cost of the country. Given the health-care system's enormous complexities, and its differences from province to province, transparency to community, it isn't always immediately obvious why one region is performing better than another. The issue, though, is to identify problems areas, then discuss them.

This year's ranking, as in previous years, divides the health regions into three categories: Group 1 (under the 15 percent that benefit from the advantages associated with being close to a medical school. Several

—Vancouver/Richmond, Toronto and Montreal ranking there—are comprised entirely of the cities giving them that status. But most of them include significant surrounding rural territory, which presents a greater challenge in terms of service delivery. Edmonton is just such a place, and for the fourth straight year the Alberta capital and its environs lead Group 1. Overall, the region ties for second place among the 54, up from fourth last year.

Prospects for improving further still are good, says Sheila Wishart, chief executive of Edmonton's Capital Health Authority. The agency's excellent showing came despite its dismal, 52nd-place finish in the overall country ranking with low birth weight. Edmonton thrived in recent years of low-income households and a large

strengthened population, says Wishart, two factors that contribute to higher rates of underweight babies. But a narrowing of health services at those groups has reduced the percentage from 6.4 per cent of births to 5.9 per cent, she says. "Which is not to suggest everything else is fine." "Once you're in the system here, the care is good," Wishart says, "but people do wear too long in many cases."

Edmonton stands out for another reason, one which may help clarify the success of the Commission on the Future of Health Care in Canada. In May, Wishart made her case to commissioners Roy Romanow, arguing Edmonton's success in organizing all health-care services under one regional board, supported by organizing specific services. One board then makes all the calls. "You focus resources better," says Wishart, "and you reduce duplication and complexities."

The group of communities with medical schools—featuring the best and brightest, but also greatest—remain a powerhouse this year, with 13 out of 15 placing in the top half of the regions. Within Group 1, Halifax/Dartmouth made major gains, climbing six places to rank 17th overall. Vancouver/Richmond and Calgary, however, slipped significantly, in part because of their low rankings under two indicators: neonatal jaundice and hip fractures.

The result for Group 2 shows that affluent suburbs and satellite communities remain among the best places to get sick.



HEALTH CARE'S VITAL SIGNS

The McClure's ranking of health care in Canadian communities is based on scores computed from data collected on a comparative basis from health regions across the country by the Canadian Institute for Health Information and Statistics Canada. See indicators ("") row this page.

LIFE EXPECTANCY

The age to which a person would be expected to live, based on average mortality rates between 1995 and 1997. Gender ages mean higher males. HIGHER ATTACK SURVIVAL.

Double in hospital within 30 days of admission after a new heart attack. Higher rate the go to regions with the lowest mortality rates. (Not available for British Columbia, Quebec or Newfoundland and Labrador.)

Many have impressive health-care centers of their own, bolstered by the services available in large urban facilities just a short ambulance ride away. For the third year running, North-West Vancouver, the affluent neighborhood to the north of Vancouver, leads not only the 19 major urban centers in Group 2 but finishes first overall. Among its strengths is the life expectancy of its resi-

STROKE SURVIVAL*

Deaths in hospital within 30 days of admission after a new stroke. Higher marks go to regions with the lowest mortality rates. (Not available for British Columbia or Quebec.)

LOW BIRTH WEIGHT

Babies weighing less than 3,500 g (five pounds, eight ounces) at birth—a measure of prenatal care as well as community education and health-screening programs. The higher the rate, the better the ranking.

CANADIAN SECTION

Women who deliver babies by a section. Above-the-average rates across some sections are being downed, especially high marks reflect low rates.

MAGNAN BIRTHS AFTER C-SECTION

Infant birth by women who previously gave birth by a C-section. The higher the rate, the better the ranking.

HIP FRACTURES, PHLEBITIS AND FLU

Hospitalization of people over 64 for these causes—an indicator of community preventive-care and health-screening programs. Higher rates mean lower marks.

NEONATOPROXIS*

Number aged 30 to 49 who reported having

a mammogram for routine screening in the past two years. Higher rates mean higher marks.

POP SURVIVAL*

Women aged 18 to 49 who reported having a Pap smear test for cervical cancer in the past three years. Higher rates mean higher marks.

HIP REPLACEMENTS

The higher the rate of hip-replacement surgery, the higher the mark, up to a cut-off. Marks are considered a tie for the first tie, but scores are considered a tie for the 30 regions with rates above the national average.

KIDNEY REPLACEMENTS

Kidney-replacement surgery per 100,000 people—another measure of available services. The higher the rate, the higher the mark, but scores are considered a tie for the 30 regions with rates above the national average.

POSSIBLE SURVIVORS

Hospital patients who likely could have received necessary medical attention without hospitalization. Lower rates give higher marks. (Not available from Quebec.)

EARLY DISCHARGE

The length of time patients spend in hospital relative to a national norm for particular condi-

tions. Shorter stays—generally reflecting efficient treatment and the availability of follow-up care in the community—mean higher scores. (Not available from Quebec.)

PREVENTABLE HOSPITALIZATIONS

Hospital admissions for conditions such as diabetes or asthma—that can often be avoided by appropriate care in doctors' offices or clinics. Higher rates produce lower marks.

HEART ATTACK ATTACK HYPERTENSION AND PROSTATECTOMY HYPERTENSION

Upgraded restrictions to hospital funding discharges for specific treatments. Lower rates mean higher marks. (Not available from Manitoba, Quebec or, for heart attack, Newfoundland.)

LOCAL SERVICES

Concentrations of medical services in some centres attract an inflow of patients, as people from other regions tend to obtain specialized care. Higher scores reflect high inflows from other regions.

PHYSICIANS, SPECIALISTS

Active GPs and family practitioners or medical specialists per 100,000 people. Marks increase with higher ratios, as is cut off the top line are shown tied to first place.

dent, low low-weight births and success in preventing unnecessary hospital admissions by having patients treated in doctors' offices at home.

Victoria and the Muskegon/Brantford/Burlington region, however, Toronto finish second and third in Group 2, reversing their standing of a year ago. (Their overall scores have been close both years

but they—like many regions separated by a ranking point of two—are virtually tied.) Three other Ontario regions—Windsor/Sarnia, Brantford and Peterborough—advance at least seven places this year. Although one of Group 2 finishes in the middle of the overall ranking, four Quebec regions rank lower—between 38th and 51st place.

But as in earlier years, it is the largely rural regions, relatively far from the modern equipment and highly trained specialists in the major centres, that dominate the bottom end of the overall ranking. Among the 20 in Group 3, only two B.C. regions—Kelowna (a remarkable fifth overall) and Nanaimo (23rd)—make their way into the top half of the rankings. Holding down the bottom three spots are Sudbury, Ont., North Bay/Hamilton, Ont., and—dead last in 54th spot—Prince George, B.C.

The track away from such regions, regardless of ranking, to find ways to address its weaknesses, says CIHI chairman Michael Decker. It's up to the medical community to examine the data and determine what needs doing. "The good here isn't to award a prize to the best region," says Decker. "It is to shift the whole performance curve in a positive direction."

Health care costs through the roof—more now than ever. In 2001, CIHI notes in its annual "Health Care in Canada" report, Canadians paid the \$100-billion burden, spending \$392.5 billion on private and public medical treatment and services. Up 4.3 per cent from the previous year, that's about \$3,300 for every living—and dying—Canadian. Hospitals accounted

GROUP 1: COMMUNITIES WITH MEDICAL SCHOOLS

Health Region	OUTPATIENT				PATIENT CARE				COMMUNITY HEALTH				CLINICAL SERVICES			
	Overall rank	Overall score	Overall rank last year	Life expectancy	Heart attack survival	Stroke survival	Live birth weight	Transcatheter aortic valve	Heart failure deaths	Flu infections	Respiratory and cardiovascular management	Hip surgery	Eye examination	Heart surgery		
1. Edmonton	21	86.2	4	25	2	3	52	20	11*	25	25	24*	12*	11	2*	
2. Manitoba	8	84.4	35	25	14	15	34*	33	6	12*	26	15	14*	12*	14	7*
3. Saskatchewan	9	82.7	5	12*	23	2	10*	6	12*	36	30	30*	30*	3	1*	1*
4. Ottawa	5	81.4	34*	11	28	16	38*	11	21*	24	13	28*	36*	36*	26	1*
5. Toronto	18	81.3	9	7*	7	11	52	15	18*	37	8	30*	40	30	33	6
6. London, Ont.	11	81.2	7*	22*	18	22	31*	4	6	4	14	30*	38*	36*	16	1*
7. Quebec City	12	80.2	11	31*	—	—	19*	12	9*	23	3	12*	46	54	53	—
8. Calgary	13	80.2	7*	7*	6	5	54	30	5	25	18	42*	13*	29	16	24
9. Winnipeg	16	80.0	16*	16*	5	17	40*	15	22*	18	11	26	31*	12	1*	1*
10. Edmonton, Alta.	17	80.0	31	34*	—	—	49*	1	1	38	19	9	49*	46	54	—
11. Halifax/Dartmouth	19	80.0	30*	34*	6	16	39	17	4*	4	11	30*	1	1*	2*	22
12. Montreal	20	80.0	20*	31*	—	—	46	16	11*	36	3	24*	40*	50	51	—
13. Vancouver/Vancouver	20*	80.0	20*	3	—	—	14*	14	16*	32	22	46*	51	42	46	3
14. Kelowna, B.C.	38*	75.4	30	52	10	20	28*	36	39*	41	31	12*	18*	1*	1*	41
15. St. John's, Nfld.	43	75	45	27*	—	—	25	34*	42	54	35	6	53	8*	52	—

Rankings are overall scores by indicator. * indicates a tie. — indicates data unavailable.

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for 58 per cent of the spending, drugs 15 per cent and doctors 14 per cent. In 2003, health-care expenses accounted for 32 per cent of spending by the provinces and territories, up from 27 per cent in 1995.

Medication costs are worrisome. Last year, Canadian spent about \$15.5 billion on retail drugs, up 8.6 per cent from 2000, or just over \$500 per person. Among the industrialized nations, only the United States, France, Japan and Belgium spend more. The burden is greatest for the lowest income households in Canada. They spend more on health care, as a percentage of family income, than do the richest household: 3.9 per cent versus 2.6 per cent. But for all that spending, one in eight Canadians and their health-care needs were not met in fiscal year 2000-2001, a substantial increase from one in 17 in 1998-1999. A common complaint: long wait for care.

In some cases, there just aren't enough doctors to go around. By numbers alone, there would seem to be about as many physicians as ever, says Dr. Ben Chan, a se-

nior scientist at the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences in Toronto. But in a study of physicians' numbers throughout the 1990s, prepared for CHIH and released last week, Chan notes that an aging population is placing higher demands on doctors. At the same time, he reports, more physicians are women, who typically work about one-fifth fewer hours than their male counterparts. Taking these two factors into account, Chan notes the ratio of doctors to the general population peaked in 1995, and has since fallen five per cent. The main reason for the decline, Chan says, is that doctors are spending more time training, so they're slow on the front lines as quickly as they used to be. The proportion of graduates who became general or family practitioners also dropped sharply in the past decade, from a high of 80 per cent in 1992 to just 45 per cent in 2000.

Chan challenges the common belief that care at medical-school trainees in the early '90s set the main cause of current shortages. Those can play a role, he says, but other factors—namely the longer training times, fewer foreign doctors entering Canada and more physicians retiring

—had bigger impacts. Canada's practice of measuring major health-care planning initiatives only every eight to 10 years should be re-examined, Chan says. He believes trends need to be monitored more frequently, and changes made more quickly to adjust doctor numbers. "It's very difficult to predict the future—you're always going to be a little bit high or a little low," says Chan. "But we should be trying to do a better job of smoothing out the bumps."

Getting the provinces to supply health-care data is a little like herding cats—each one wants to head off in its own direction. That leads to gaps in information. British Columbia and Quebec, for instance, gather research on health status and system differently than other provinces, so their numbers cannot be included in CHIH's national data. CHIH also has no members for heart attacks in Newfoundland and Labrador. And while several provinces track how long patients wait in emergency rooms for a hospital bed, only Ontario, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick supplied CHIH with their findings. That badly

skews for a national picture, but for what it's worth, 80 per cent of people admitted to three hospitals waited less than six hours for a bed. Three per cent waited longer than 24 hours—becoming part of those periodic back-ups of patients on gurneys in ERing that cause headlines.

CHIH is working on collecting better wait-time data, says Jennifer Zelawski, the institute's director of health reports and analysis. It often occurs down to getting all the provinces to count things the same way. Want to bypass surgery, for instance? "When do you start the clock?" asks Zelawski. "When the first symptoms appear? When you first see your GP? Or when you first meet with a specialist?"

The provinces are beginning to get the message. Alberta promises to change its at least one day. "We will be trying to work on a common definition of when wait times start and stop so we can compare them across Canada," says Gary Mac, the province's minister of health and wellness. The bed is already asking. At a first national conference in Ottawa in September, 2000, the provinces agreed to harmonize how provinces track 14 medically impor-

tant factors, including life expectancy, infant mortality and waiting times for key diagnostic and treatment services. The first standardized reports on those indicators are due in September. It's an encouraging first step toward a truly national map, says CHIH's Davies. "Over time, we hope to get there," he says. "It depends on the goodwill of each province."

A close look at an individual region's results illustrates how the rankings can shift from year to year. Peterborough, for example. The city and its largely rural surroundings, home to 130,000 Ontarians, gained an impressive seven places from last year, landing in the middle of the pack at 28th place overall. In part, that's due to the inclusion this year of data that CHIH and Statistics Canada have gathered for the first time on several new health-care indicators. Peterborough, it turns out, does exceptionally well coping with stroke, as measured by the number who die within 30 days of being hospitalized. McKim at the County-City Health Unit thinks Peterborough fourth-place score may have to do with the region's comprehensive care-



TAKING CARE OF STROKES

The best ranked rates four weeks after hospital admission for a new stroke.

- 1 PEI
- 2 Edmonton
- 3 Saskatoon
- 4 Owen Sound, Ont.
- 5 Calgary
- 6 Kitchener/Waterloo, Ont.
- 7 Windsor/Essex/Brantford, Ont.
- 8 Blackberry/Windsor, Ont.
- 9 Peterborough, Ont.
- 10 Windsor, Ont.

(*) Indicates a tie. Includes health regions over 125,000 pop. Rate not available for N.C. and Quebec.



WATCHING FOR BREAST CANCER

Who's giving the most mammograms?

- 1 Windsor, Ont.
- 2 Lacombe/Brantford, Ont.
- 3 Regina
- 4 Hamilton, Ont.
- 5 Windsor, Ont.
- 6 Peterborough, Ont.
- 7 Blackberry, Ont.
- 8 Yorkville, Ont.

ON GUARD AGAINST CERVICAL CANCER

Who's giving the most Pap smears?

- 1 Halifax/Annapolis, N.S.
- 2 Victoria
- 3 Peterborough, Ont.
- 4 Peterborough, Ont.
- 5 Regina
- 6 Blackberry, Ont.
- 7 Windsor, Ont.
- 8 Yorkville, Ont.

(*) Indicates a tie. Includes health regions over 125,000 pop. Rate not available for N.C. and Quebec.

GROUP 2: OTHER MAJOR COMMUNITIES

Health area	OUTCOME				PROXIMAL CASE				COMMUNITY HEALTH				ELDERLY SERVICES				EXPERIENCES				RESOURCES						
	Overall rank	Overall score	Overall rank	Overall score	Life expectancy	Stroke risk	Stroke burden	Long-term care	Long-term care	Long-term care	Long-term care	Long-term care	Long-term care	Long-term care	Long-term care	Long-term care	Long-term care	Long-term care	Long-term care	Long-term care	Long-term care	Long-term care	Long-term care				
1 North West Vancouver	1	33.1	1	1	—	—	—	2*	46	41*	12	5	44	20*	7	26	7	31	1	3	2	—	4	26	17	17	
2 Victoria	2	31.1	5	4	—	—	—	4	52	39*	2	4	5*	3*	25	26	14	21	34	5	10	23	18	11	17	14	
3 Mississauga/Brampton/Markham, Ont.	3	29	3	2	10	3	36*	27	12*	26	5	5*	25*	23	7	8	10	8	10	20	25	27	29	41			
4 Kitchener/Waterloo, Ont.	4	28.2	12*	12*	5	6	12*	25	10*	31	24	11*	8*	20	3*	4	5	18	27	17	17	4	40	50	35		
5 Markham/Scarborough/Hill, Ont.	5	27.9	18	5	17	8	20*	26	46*	46	26	4*	12*	22*	1*	28	5	8	24	12	12	31	33	48	42		
6 Regina	6	27.2	23	23*	23*	23	11	14*	7	3	38	26	3	17*	34	36	30	16	5	16	32	—	52	16	32		
7 Waterloo/Brant, Ont.	7	26	32*	32*	27*	26	11	16*	26	7	30	25	1	22*	32	1*	23	11	47	25	7	5	1	34	54	36	
8 Lacombe/Brantford/Gravel, Ont.	8	25.8	25	22*	—	—	—	30*	10	19*	8	34	2	41	46	45	—	—	26*	—	—	—	—	47	27	33	
9 Surrey, B.C.	9	25.1	21	21	—	—	—	29*	18	21*	10	18	13	20*	43*	37	34	33	15	10	28	11	26	5	40	40	43
10 Kamloops/Capitol Hill/New Westminster, B.C.	10	24.8	24	24	—	—	—	18*	14	31*	41	24	24*	47*	48	37	52	34	16	3	31	5	35	15	42	24	
11 Lethbridge	11	22	30*	30*	30*	—	—	38*	5	17*	35	1	10*	52	41	48	—	—	34	—	—	—	—	53	34	26	
12 St. Catharines/Niagara, Ont.	12	20.2	26	27	26	21	9	26	41*	27	12	12	30*	30*	22	7	17	4	40	21	31	21	8	40	52	10	
13 Brampton, Ont.	13	19.1	27	27*	27*	27	26	10*	15	29*	34	32	14*	37	34	7	4	5	36	34	7	7	19	52	54		
14 Peterborough, Ont.	14	18.1	22*	22*	22*	22	5	24*	40	48*	58	36	4*	4	7	7	18	8	17	30	28	10	16	40	51	40	
15 Chatham, B.C.	15	17.5	23	23*	—	—	—	3*	40	21*	33	23	44*	10*	30*	7	25	13	36	17	32	21	17	42	41	40	
16 St. John's/St. John's, Ont.	16	17.0	29	44*	—	—	—	44*	3	6	35	37	52	19*	41	49	—	—	28*	—	—	—	—	46	36	50	
17 Halifax, Ont.	17	17.0	28	41	—	—	—	49*	20	8*	25	36	11*	17	11	40	—	—	29*	—	—	—	—	40	35	27	
18 Seattle, Ont.	18	17.0	40*	40	—	—	—	44*	5	4*	3	46	29*	42	50	58	—	—	30	—	—	—	—	34	41	52	
19 Vancouver, Ont.	19	15.6	16	16	—	—	—	49*	15	21*	32	25	40*	48*	52	42	—	—	46	—	—	—	—	38	37	23	

Rankings are overall ranks to include (*). Indicates a tie. — Indicates data unavailable.

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Health Report

paige to raise awareness of heart and stroke issues. "It's reassuring," says McKinn, "to think that the road we've been on—working with other community partners—is the right way to go."

The Eastern Region of Newfoundland, on the other hand, shows what happens when resources are stretched to the limit. The sprawling rural jurisdiction, part west of the St. John's region, has too few residents to be included in the *Medicaid* ranking. CHIR's data, however, shows it is not noteworthy for one staggering finding. Of 19 people hospitalized for stroke, more than one third die within 30 days—the highest mortality rate among the 36 regions that CHIR cited in this category. "The figures are not surprising," says Dr. Catherine Dawson, the area's medical officer of health, "but they're disturbing." Heavily a day goes by when she isn't trying to convince others of her need to spend on public education. Money is scarce and the benefits of raising awareness would likely be seen only 20 years from now, says Dawson, but it is essential. "Somebody," she says, "has to have the courage to put that investment in there now."

The reasons for specific results in specific

regions are myriad. Why, for instance, would Vancouver/Richmond do poorly in providing Bypasses? According to a recent study by the B.C. Cancer Agency, women in the region's large Chinese community are less likely to have themselves tested than women in the general population. Dr. John Blackerwick, chief medical health officer for the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority, says the behaviour seems to be culturally rooted, with Chinese women more reluctant to be examined by a male physician. "We may have become complacent," says Blackerwick, "in not doing more public education." That seems to be changing. "We're trying to develop culturally appropriate materials that will be sensitive," says Greg Huijck at the B.C. Cancer Agency. "We facilitate going for Pap testing within different communities."

Even when things go right they can go wrong. Nova Scotia has one of the best ground and air ambulance services in North America. Yet the Yarmouth/Halifax region in the south-west of the province is one of those disadvantaged rural areas, making 45th overall. In terms of stroke survival, it places 31st—better than in many other categories, but still a sign of negative factors at play. Smoking, education levels and obesity tend to be a problem in

the area, says Morris Green, a spokesman at Nova Scotia's health department. So no matter how fast an ambulance arrives, it won't help if it's been called too late, or the person is so sick there isn't much that can be done to help. "The good news," says Green, "is we are aware of it." Now the provincial health department will work with the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia to develop an integrated stroke strategy, including province-wide standards for care, training and better public education. "Currently," says Green, the anecdotal evidence suggests that in some parts of the province, a lot of people don't know the warning signs."

So once again, it's back to training people to do more to help themselves. Heart disease and stroke are not new, according to one in five men and a little more than one in 10 women admitted to hospital. What to do about it? The same old advice: eat better, exercise more, quit smoking. Some Canadians are taking heed, judging by a Scan-Can survey in seven provinces and the Yukon. About half of adults and more and they'll act in the past year to improve their health—more physical activity, losing weight, changing diet, cutting back on quitting cigarettes. Several provincial efforts to reduce the number of people with flu



HOW THE RANKING WAS DONE

Of 14 health-related ranking of health-care services available in communities across Canada. Incomplete data for 54 health regions with populations over 125,000 representing more than 67 per cent of the national population. It is based on their annual

emergency room visits to be working. In 2000-2001, 27 per cent of Canadians over the age of 11 get a flu shot, almost doubled from 1996-1997.

One way of improving health care is to take a closer look at physicians or facilities that are good at something and have them do more of it. Take heart surgery. Seven in 10 more implementations in 1999-2000 were performed in hospitals doing more than 100 a year, but almost none per cent—

more than 22 compared with 15 last year. These charts rank regions that share some basic characteristics: communities with medical schools, other major hospitals and long-term care facilities. They also show each region's overall ranking within the full group of 54. The rankings do not include lower-populated regions because their small numbers can be subject to misleadingly large fluctuations from year to year.

McGraw-Hill's rankings are based on information gathered nationally by the Canadian Institute for Health Information and Statistics Canada.

When necessary, these agencies standardized the data to remove discrepancies arising from age differences among regions. The rankings are based on the best nationally accepted indicators. The latest numbers available, they generally cover from

more than 1,400 cases—were in hospitals doing fewer than 50 a year. For many types of care, CHIR reports, research shows patients treated in hospitals that perform the procedure frequently are less likely to experience complications or to die after surgery. Obviously, medical practice rules, if not perfect, certainly better.

Alberta's Mar promotes the idea of concentrating certain services to improve outcomes and save money. "Some of the best pediatric cardiac surgery in Canada is done

in Edmonton," says Mar, citing the city as a centre for the Prairie region. "Does it make sense for Saskatchewan or Regina to have a similar type of pediatric cardiac surgery? No, I don't think it does."

But which agencies do you target? It can become a delicate balancing act, risking harm to institutional, community and even provincial pride. There are trade-offs, says Decer. "While it isn't necessarily desirable to have a pregnant woman travel great distances, that may be best in the event of complications." The idea isn't to have one giant hospital in downtown Toronto doing all surgery, says Decer. "There are a lot of surgeons that should be done close to home because there's enough volume. It comes down to can we encourage the system open on the data and the evidence, rather than on history and tradition?"

Crises could argue that because of gaps in the data, the *Medicaid* ranking doesn't truly reflect what is going on across the country. Thus, the picture is incomplete. But it's the best we've got, and it's getting clearer every year. Five years ago a ranking simply couldn't have been done. "There was no comparable data, in which case everyone thinks they're doing a terrific job unless you've got blatantly visible quality problems," says Decer. Now, CHIR distributes a growing body of data, allowing health authorities to compare their performance. "People can ask themselves if they should be concerned that they're maybe one or two per cent worse than some other hospital," says Decer. "What we're doing is providing the basis for a lot of questions to get asked—and eventually answered. It's a giant step in the right direction."

GROUP 3: LARGELY RURAL COMMUNITIES

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2. Manitoba, B.C.	22	80.3	30	18	—	—	1	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41
3. Newfoundland, B.C.	28	78.6	38	27	3	15	12	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
4. Yukon, B.C.	28	78.6	38	27	3	15	12	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
5. Manitoba, B.C.	28	78.6	38	27	3	15	12	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
6. Yukon, B.C.	28	78.6	38	27	3	15	12	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
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Rankings are standardized by indicator. "Indicates a 1" = indicator value available.

A MAN IN A HURRY

Martin has always been a restless sort. But one thing has kept his attention.

BY JOHN GEODES in Ottawa

Stories about Paul Martin always seem to consist of elements of frenetic activity or plain haste. There's the one about what amounted to his first date with Sheila Cowan, a friend of his youngest sister. Martin, then a University of Toronto law student, took her on a breakneck drive to a cottage. "Paul didn't let me the whole way clatching the door," she reminisced a few years ago. The guy didn't just drive fast. To Sheila, he always seemed to be "flying in and flying out" of rooms.

They were married in 1965, a few years after he got her that memorable left to the lake, and, in the classic way of political wives, she remains a discreet but formidable force in his career.

Then there's the tale of how he became a rich man. After learning the ropes of business as a Young Turk in Paul Desmarais's company, Martin plunged into a deal to buy Canada Securities Loans from the Montreal mogul in 1981—a high-risk, debt-financed takeover at a time of punishing interest rates. He made the gamble pay off.

Tony Christman, a close friend who was later tapped by Martin to run the company after he went into politics, remembers him as a blur of an executive, always working, sweating the details down to no interference problems with his ships' steering systems. "He always made me feel involved kind of thing," Christman recalls.

Accounts of the way Martin drove himself into politics offer more of the same. The Liberals who signed on for his long-shot leadership run against Jean Chrétien in 1989-90 remember it as a far-out, full-on, wildly over-optimistic affair. After Chrétien dumped him, and went on to

win the 1993 election, Martin became his rival's finance minister, charged with whirling down the deficit. But if Canada came to view him as a *total fiscal disciplinarian*, insiders who watched him on the job at close quarters got to know his less methodical, more misanthropic, qualities. "He's determined, motivated, but I wouldn't necessarily say focused," longtime Martin adviser and strategist Mike Robinson observed back in the days of the deficit fight. "Sometimes his mind does wander off in new directions if he

stunned that Chrétien's well-earned image as a political street fighter, Martin's friends are this guy in a snapper too. They are waiting for the old peck-to-the-meat, risk-taking, brain-ting-gubbing Martin to re-emerge. "I can tell you, he's tough as nails," Christman told *Macleans* last week. "A real bulldog."

Still, it wouldn't do to launch a full frontal assault on Chrétien. What's called for is something more sedately prime ministerial. Martin signalled last week that a few carefully worded speeches to frame his policy vision are in the works. This is tactical, of course—positioning himself as the thinking Liberal's alternative to a string-peace minister often called managerial, never victory. Striding the Man of Mean stance would also satisfy Martin's self-image. And like so much about him, this aspect of the way he likes to see himself goes back to his defining relationship with his father. Inevitably, if Martin is about to really take on Chrétien, the battle will be read in large measure as the last chapter of a devoted son's quest to

fulfill a woodchipped father's potential.

The late Paul Martin Sr.'s career is the stuff of Liberal lore. He was a cerebral cabinet minister in the governments of William Lyon Mackenzie King, Louis St. Laurent and Lester B. Pearson. He ran losing bids for the Liberal leadership in 1948, 1958 and finally in 1968, by which time he looked septuagenarian beside the bearded bloom of Trudeaumania. Paul Jr. worked his heart out in that last campaign, and took his father's defeat hard. He mused, though, that he didn't require a sense of destiny about going all the way for the old man's sake. ("Who wants to be saddled with such a Shakespearean motivation?" Sir his

Two powerful men who have finally and irrevocably ended their nine-year truce

hears something that interests him."

How strange, then, that at age 65, this man who has always seemed in such a hurry and so easily distracted has waited so long for a shot at the same, single goal. St. Susan Dove. Last week, after the tumultuous run of events that saw him finally split with Chrétien and co-cabinet, Martin wasn't revealing much about his mood. Every informed opinion of his character, though, suggests he must be relieved to finally have the prolonged waiting game over. While his political persona is more



political journey seems never to have been a secret. Chretien says even Miron's imprisonment, almost compulsory, rise in notoriety was always in aid of a deeper political aspiration. "One was a means to the other," he says. "He'd obviously seen a lot of people in politics having to raise money all the time."

So Martin would enter the political arena in the 1988 election with plenty of money to go with his Liberal pedigree. He never shied from laying claim to his father's ancient brand of politics. The senior Martin was at the centre of the explosive post-war growth of government. He was deeply committed to federal expansion into social programs, by threatening to strip from cabinet, he forced St. Laurent to introduce

national health insurance. When Paul Martin Jr was making the party rounds in the early 1980s, during the upswing for his move into politics, his evocation of his father's legacy caught the imagination of Liberal activists. He embodied the party's powerful pro-business strain and was drawn here to an social conscience. "Everybody thought he was flawless," remembers lawyer Richard Mahoney, an early Martin enthusiast who has emerged in recent years as a powerful Liberal backroom figure.

Martin was not, of course, flawless, but there remains something uncertain about how his credentials line up perfectly with just about any Grit amongst dream candidates with his. Social heart and economic head—check. Effortless bilingualism and

a perfectly bilingual name—check. Boardroom closet married to grassroots credibility—check. No wonder his legions have swelled, and waited, for their next chance. They'll never get another thoroughbred like this one so back.

Sure, then, however, are no more certain in politics than they seem the track. Often, pretty press, pundits and other handbags are hunkered by untidy winters—a little-known Little Rock smoocher, say, or an understated Shawinigan brewer. And while Martin is long on qualifications, he's short on natural resources. His early political odyssey was often awkward, only through dogged, diligent work has he turned himself into today's reliable podium performer. Even now his speeches

meander, and start repeating out the public impression of what a Paul Martin government would look like.

If Chretien really wants a fourth term then he's got to go to the ridges and make his case. But I think he will find that will be going dry. It's really asking "give me the dignity of picking up one time to depart, well, he's asked that before and people have said yes with increasing reluctance. Now he will need a trade-off. He'll have to put a date on that, at least quietly to keep people in the party, and run the risk of becoming a lame duck.

THE LONG, STEADY CAMPAIGN

to former Ontario premier Mike Harris

If you are going to go after a guy like Chretien, don't wing it. That's the same advice I'd give Chretien now. They've both put themselves in a position where they've got a seconded, placed-off guy on the other side. Chretien's big advantage is that he's still not in a bad position to win another election because the Tories and Alliance stubbornly refuse to face reality and join forces. But Chretien will never get back to the point he wanted, which is to walk out bigger winner, with his party solidly behind him and having surpassed everybody's expectations. He'll be known to the guy who had to go through a series of her fights to keep his job.

For Martin, given his age and station, his shot is now. So I don't feel he's got a lot to lose by being direct. While he hasn't been so far, he's reached other odds about whether he was fired or quit. If he wants to lead he's got to have to call a spade a shovel. The next six months will be very important because the public mind is opening. As Martin is a different dimension than he was over the last few years.



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THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX

Andreas Liberman apparently had that Jean Chretien has been getting, as one said, "very poor advice" in the conservative sub-world of the conservative Paul Martin. So, just to be helpful, Liberman's somewhat opposite party strategies are strategies to introduce 1999—to see how they advise the Prime Minister and Martin in the unfolding pursuit of power. Of course this advice comes without the slightest tinge of partisanship.

Conservative Senator Norm Ashlin, who ran Bruce Mulroney's campaign in the 1980s and is a brother-in-law of the current party leader to replace John Diefenbaker in 1999:

If I were advising the Prime Minister, I would be saying what you've got to do is focus some of the people who are working against you by bringing them into the tent somehow.

If I were advising Paul Martin, I would tell him take the high road: don't be the catalyst that can take problems for the PM in this stage because that's going to happen anyway. And above all else don't resign your seat. He has such a strong show of support in the caucus, being in the House can only help.

Bob Lewis, a political consultant and former chief of staff to Alberta Premier Ralph Klein and Canadian Alliance leader Stockwell Day: There is nothing new about this. There is a Liberal leadership review in February and this is a ground war that is going to be won or lost. In 2001 campaigns at the leadership level. Overly, like the doesn't have to do anything as long as his people



Norm Ashlin

Bob Lewis



Rick Anderson

Don Lang

are on the ground in this business. It's tougher for Chretien. He's got to win and he's got to win big and that's going to be hard because Martin sees the opportunity. He's the one who's been around the country doing all the speaking.

For Chretien, the key is the caucus. He has got to get on the phone, explain the whole and the why, and ask for advice. That's how Klein and Mulroney were successful. Showed just his caucus that there gets down to the constituency level and that means delegates.

Rick Anderson, a former Liberal turned adviser to Reform party leader Preston Manning, and Canadian Alliance leader Stockwell Day:

If I were Paul Martin, I would be as proud as the person ready to succeed him Chretien, rather than be the one to replace him. But this is also a golden opportunity for him as a backroom figure to speak up and lower his Canadian security or the

an solidly contracted, not liable to catch fire. So Liberals like him They admire him. They think he could win them landslide. But they don't show signs—at least not yet—of loving him.

A potential problem for Martin, as he sees out to define himself as the more forward-thinking alternative to Chrétien, is his failure so far to put his stamp on any no-stirring big idea. Last week, Chrétien's aides were dismissive about Martin's claim that it was a deep divide over the government's mission—not a raw clash of ambitions—that led to his sudden rupture with the Prime Minister. In fact, their recent policy spat don't look worthy of tearing apart a governing party. There was the matter of Martin wanting to let the provinces off the hook for billions in federal overruns, while Chrétien was determined to recoup the extra millions dished out because of an accounting mistake. But that's bookkeeping, not the politics of conviction. And Martin tried to set up an anti-lengthy foundation to handle new federal infrastructure spending in the last budget, before Chrétien overruled him to have the program run directly by John Manley. Again, not exactly a cause to send true believers to the barricades.

Martin's strongest inside-the-guy would have been more inspiring in recent years if he hadn't been under the rule of an "incrementalist." They argue that Martin, who likes to log home big policy issues to read, has felt constrained about expressing his ideas. It's true that in an era Chrétien doesn't really care about—notably international financial institutions—Martin has shown flashes of original thinking. He has persuasively pushed for new rules to allow countries facing financial ruin, most recently Argentina, to restructure their debt. But impressing policy wonks at the International Monetary Fund won't get him far with Canadian voters. And when it comes to key issues that might have resonated on the home front, his track record is uneven.

He has raised some plain chances to show policy boldness. With the deficit turned, there was room for new economic priorities on the federal agenda in 1999. But even though Martin was the government's scapegoat on the economy, it was Manley, then industry minister, who grabbed hold of market-thriving Canadian productivity badly lagging behind U.S.



Martin's people say he wouldn't been more inspiring if he hadn't worked under an "incrementalist"



performance. Manley made the issue his own. Suddenly, he was the cabinet voice identified with boosting Canadian competitiveness. Martin was left looking reluctant to admit there even was a problem—and forced to play catch-up when the consensus around Manley's view became overwhelming.

Even more unsettling for some Liberals was Martin's reluctance to throw support behind the Clarity Act in the winter of 2000. Intergovernmental Affairs Minister Stéphane Léves, Chrétien's hand-picked Quebec point man, drafted the party line to set rules for any future Quebec secession

referendum. Martin was in the cabinet camp that wanted the legislation made up as an Ottawa compromise in Quebec. No such backlash materialized. Instead, overcautious' fearsome constraint to seek unity—and Léves' legislation could go down in history as a rare case of courageous policy-making from Chrétien. Among the Prime Minister's Quebec strategists, the episode affirmed their old suspicion that Martin was soft on separatism.

If Martin has yet to show prudence on policy beyond the deficit, he cannot be doubted as a heavyweight in political organization. The crew he assembled more than a decade ago has stayed loyal, mutated into a go-to machine, and built support the hard way—riding by riding. Martin has travelled tirelessly for years to help out Liberal MLAs fundraising events and win their gratitude. Even though he jumped into politics comparatively late, he brought a deep-seated respect for the unglorious labour of constituency work, learned—where else?—at his father's knee. "What I would do a lot with my dad is travel the riding with him," he once reflected. "I went to church picnics, that kind of thing. That's one of the ways that we stayed close, my dad and I. He was a tremendous constituency politician. He probably as much as anyone built the modern constituency organization."

It's this legacy that will matter most if Martin is to subdue Chrétien in the ground war before a leadership review vote next February. In his un-paced speeches until then, Martin will try to prove that his surface intellect has finally fastened on a few potent policy notions. In the trenches, though, what will count are the years of relentlessly crisis-crossing Canada to build his base. Martin has always been a man and a mind in motion. The question now is whether a lifetime of momentum can carry him just a little further—through the barriers that Chrétien will now erect to stop him, and over the goal line his father never managed to cross.

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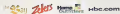




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At the age of 18, Tina Tseng captured gold in all five individual events in rhythmic gymnastics at the Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

The Friendly Games. From their very inception in Hamilton in 1930, the Commonwealth Games have been known by that catch-phrase, a moniker that remains just as valid today.

As quiet, polite and perfectly Canadian as that might seem, the Commonwealth Games are thriving. In fact, 72 years later, these Canadian-made Games may be more vital than ever, both nationally and globally.

"I would actually say they are increasing in importance," gives the level of sophistication in amateur athletics, the training methods and the pressure to succeed," says Joan Duncan, president of Commonwealth Games Canada. "Athletes need the opportunity to compete."

The Commonwealth Games may not have the cachet of an Olympic Games or a world championship, but they remain a critical stepping stone to improved performance.

Taking place every four years, two years after every summer Olympics and two years before the next Olympics, the Commonwealth Games present the perfect opportunity to showcase an athlete's performance and progress on an international stage.

"It's a very special competition and a really important piece in the architecture of an athlete's development," says Canada's chief de mission for the Manchester Games, Bill McGregory, who has been involved with amateur athletics in Canada for 23 years.

There is a clear link between achievement at the Commonwealth Games and top-level international success.

Six of the eight Olympic finalists in the 100 metre race at the

Sydney Games in 2000 had run at the Commonwealth Games. Like track, other sports such as swimming and rowing are frequently dominated by Commonwealth athletes at the Olympics.

"Often it's the [Canadian] media who are saying it's not relevant," McGregory says of the relatively low profile held by the Games in Canada since world athletes powers such as the Americans and Russians do not take part and there is far less media and broadcast coverage than of the Olympics or even some world championship events. "But talk to the people who muster in many other countries, our athletes are household names."

Some of the 486 Canadian athletes in Manchester this July 25 to August 8 will be facing international competition and a full-blown media scrum for the first time. Their events will be broadcast to a live television audience and judged by millions of strangers. It's great preparation for the ensuing "circus" atmosphere that surrounds the Olympics.

"There is a chance to blood 19- and 20-year-olds," former head of Athletics Canada John Thresher said in Malaysia at the close of the Kuala Lumpur Games in 1998. "They have to come here and be scored out of their wits. They shake and shiver and then go on to world championships and Olympics."

For others whose sports are not represented at the Olympics, for example netball and rugby players, this will be a chance to



Gymnast Stacy Galloway was seen in the 1994 Commonwealth Games when competing on a pommel horse (center) and its variant, the vault (right).

test themselves against their sport's top competitors from 72 nations and territories.

"Winning is a skill that is learned," says McGregor who was an head in Kuala Lumpur in 1999 when Canada brought home a treasure trove of 99 medals, of which 30 were gold.

"I didn't know what to expect. It's a little overwhelming but it's also quite amazing," says Erika-Liigh Stinton who, at the age of 18, captured gold in all five individual events in rhythmic gymnastics in Kuala Lumpur. "The Commonwealth Games was one of the biggest things I've ever been a part of."

Now a student at the University of Guelph, Stinton says the notion that the Games were to be enjoyed rather than endured blazed down from the senior levels of the Canadian contingent. "I wanted to enjoy myself because I could," she says.

Twenty years down the road no one will know Stinton's name, but the experience and thrill of just competing and better yet, succeeding on behalf of an entire nation, is Stinton's forever.

"It's a feeling you can't describe and you can't replicate that feeling of having the flag on your back," she says. "I honestly wish every person could have that experience."

These Games remain one of the athletes' favorites for a variety of reasons, but here's one of the most significant.

"We don't eat our young at the Commonwealth Games. People aren't taking out their steroid robots," says George Heller, president of the Hudson's Bay Company and CEO of the Victoria Commonwealth Games in 1994, who is still one of the Games' most vocal supporters.

While no sporting event is scandal-free, the Commonwealth Games are considered among the cleanest of international amateur sporting events and given the stink of corruption and dop-

ing that have dominated the news surrounding the Olympics in recent years, the Commonwealth Games remain a welcome alternative.

On another level entirely, the Commonwealth experience is often uniquely heart-warming in ways that have nothing to do with competition.

"It's very hard to capture in words, the warmth," says COC president Duncan. "And it's not just the Canadians who refer to it that way."

She remembers being in Victoria in 1994 when the team from Sierra Leone arrived without uniforms and basic equipment. The local organizing committee quickly outfitted the grateful athletes.

At the end of the Kuala Lumpur Games in 1990, a Canadian team that had enjoyed its most successful Games ever, left most of their uniforms and much of their equipment for Commonwealth teams in developing nations.

"There's never a Commonwealth Games where we don't have a team from some developing country show up without shoes or without uniforms or without care and support," says Duncan.

While the 'haves' of the Commonwealth, a definite minority among the 72 countries routinely rally to help the 'have-nots' compete, the competition remains fierce, says Delvin.

But the moment the competition is complete, athletes who might have been considered opponents suddenly become peers, people with whom there is a shared bond: a community.

"When you make it to a Games, you're so excited," says former gymnast Stacy Galloway, who won Canada a silver at the 1994 Commonwealth Games competing on a pommel horse anterior cruciate ligament (ACL).

But the athletes share far more than the adrenalin rush. Together, they're learning to compete at a high level in front of television cameras and crowds, focusing on similar goals and facing challenges that only fellow athletes understand.

"People are going through the same things but differently," Galloway says. "It's what the payoff is."



At the Commonwealth Games in 1994, in Kuala Lumpur, the Canadian team brought home 99 medals, of which 30 were gold.



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Mandela was told by George Heller, CEO of the Victoria Commonwealth Games in 1994, that spots would be held for the South African team until his win was confirmed.

In the months before the 1994 Victoria Games, George Heller met with then African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela to share a secret.

Heller, CEO of these Games, told Mandela that Victoria would welcome the return of South Africa to Commonwealth competition following Mandela's election.

As well, Heller promised Mandela that he'd hold spots for the team until Mandela's win was confirmed. The team hadn't even registered for the Games since the election was being held after the registration deadline.

Of course, Mandela was triumphant and South Africa rejoined the Commonwealth after decades of political exile. As the South African team marched into the stadium, the massive crowd went nuts. "I mean, major nuts," says Heller who is now the president of Hudson's Bay Company and still one of the Games' most staunch advocates as well as a major sponsor and fundraiser for the Manchester Games. "I thought to myself, this is what it's all about." To this day, that is one of Heller's most memorable Commonwealth moments.

The Games mean so much to so many, but some now question the Commonwealth's relevance. At least on the surface, there is little that links Hawaii or Western Samoa to Canada and Australia, however, they share more than most realize.

While others, such as the Pan American Games are accented of geography, "the Commonwealth Games are an accident of history," wrote Clive Owen in his book *The Commonwealth Games: The First 60 Years*.

The history of the British Commonwealth is a huge part of world history. As the 20th century came to a close, Queen Victoria ruled over an empire with a quarter of the world's land and population.

Even as countries, including Canada, assumed their independence and the Empire became the Commonwealth, there remained strong ties. Today, nations separated by geography and economy still find their respective commonalities bearing the Queen's likeness or share similar systems of government or education.

There are Commonwealth organizations that discuss economics, development and a host of other issues. As well, the Commonwealth nations continue to pressure each other politically, as was the case with South Africa and more recently Zimbabwe, which was suspended for irregularities in its election process.

There is little surprise then, that each of the Games leaves its own mark, whether it's in competition or in the way it reflects political change. For example in 1994 when South Africa returned to the Commonwealth and the Games, Wang Kang was competing for the last time before being headed back to China.

The Manchester Games will also leave at least one legacy, as for the first time, the events for athletes with a disability will run concurrent to the regular competition instead of being held after, as in the case with the Olympic Games.

Notably, when the Canadian swim team was announced recently, its 45-member contingent included four athletes with disabilities.

"The Commonwealth may be more important today than it ever was," says former Edmonton mayor and CCC president Ivor Dent, who organized the 1978 Edmonton Games. "In the world, there's too little togetherness now." ■

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Making A Difference

Daniel Igali from Nigeria, Daniel Igali, (right) is a Nigerian wrestler, MMA fighter, and actor.

Daniel Igali found a whole new life through the Commonwealth Games as well as a way to start helping people in his home country of Nigeria.

The wrestler thrilled Canadians as much with his heartfelt celebratory dance around the Canadian flag as with the gold-medal performance that inspired it at the Sydney Olympics in 2000. As a shy, naive, 20-year-old from the small village of Ilorin, Bayelsa State in Nigeria, Igali finished 11th at the 1994 Commonwealth Games in Victoria.

While in Canada, his first trip to a western nation, Igali watched Canadians dominate the mats with a wrestling style that was more sophisticated and refined than his own.

"It was very, very exciting for me. The people were so full of light and life—that's what made me want to stay behind," Igali recalls.

At the end of the Games, a white-eyed Igali approached a Canadian volunteer. He asked him if he could stay in Canada and learn to wrestle like his heroes.

Although surprised, Igali's new friend helped the promising wrestler arrange to remain in Canada where he has since made his home.

"It was one of the most exciting times of my life," says Igali. Although winning an Olympic gold remains a unique achievement for Igali, he hopes to return to the Commonwealth Games in Manchester, where he will compete for Canada this time. It would be a perfect bit of symmetry given the importance of the Commonwealth Games to his life.

"I don't think it will be a complete cycle unless I go to Manchester," he said. "The thrill of competition will be equally balanced with making friends and soaking up the Commonwealth Games atmosphere."

If Igali's story was simply about finding better facilities or

coaching that would be one thing. But this was and is about finding a better way of living. The Commonwealth Games opened the door to a new life for Igali and he, in turn, is determined to take advantage of that to help those from his first home.

As a child in Nigeria, Igali took his desk and chair home from school every day to keep them from being stolen. Now, he's trying to raise \$200,000 to help build a school, complete with computers and a small gymnasium, in the village where he grew up.

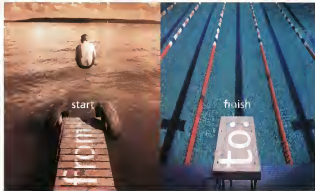
The Commonwealth Sport Development Program, a Canadian-driven arm of the Commonwealth Games Association, may be one of the groups that can offer support. Since its inception in 1993, the CSDP's goal has been to use sport as a way of tackling medical and social problems in the Commonwealth's developing nations.

The CSDP helps anti-gang soccer programs for youth at risk, offers AIDS and drug counselling in conjunction with sport initiatives and athletic projects. It also targets girls and pregnant women who are traditionally excluded from athletics. For example, a program that encourages pregnant women to take yoga classes thus reducing birth complications is now offered in 13 different provinces in Zimbabwe and is being administered by local officials (even though Zimbabwe is now suspended from the Commonwealth for voting irregularities).

It's no surprise the Commonwealth Games can make a tremendous difference in the lives of athletes, but in Igali's case, he's going to make the most of it by sharing it.

"The Commonwealth Games are known as the Friendly Games but for me they are the games of destiny," he says. "The Games that changed my life forever, changed my life for the better."





Wow! What a Story



M.M. "Bobby" Robinson, city editor of the *Hamilton Spectator*, came up with the idea for the British Empire Games.

In retrospect, it would have been easy, perhaps even sensible, for M.M. "Bobby" Robinson, to just let the whole thing go.

True, as manager of the Canadian track and field team at the 1928 Olympics, he'd been to Amsterdam and the notion of top-flight athletic competition still inspired him.

But when mother England herself, the key player in the British Empire Games, decided to bow out of the inaugural competition set for Hamilton, Ont. in August of 1930, Robinson could have been excused had he simply checked it. But the city editor of the *Hamilton Spectator* couldn't.

Imagine the British Empire Games without England so he boarded a ship to meet with Lord Derby, the head of England's amateur sporting group. But His Lordship was adamant—Britain couldn't afford it.

Robinson said he understood, but that he would have to find suitable competitors to replace the English contingent at what he was already calling the *Friendly Games*. Specifically, he said he would have to invite the Americans.

Within 24 hours, Lord Derby, who would become the Games' first international president, sent word that England would attend.

1930 - Hamilton, Canada

At 2:30 p.m. Aug. 26, 1930, the first-ever British Empire Games were held.

Several hours later the first gold medal at the Commonwealth Games was won by a Canadian, Spike Simlacombe from Toronto, in the high jump and jump (now the triple jump).

Percy Williams, the sprint champion from the Amsterdam Olympic Games, was the Canadian flag bearer and also won the 100-yard dash in 9.9 seconds although he pulled up lame at the finish.

1934 - London, England

South Africa was to host, but given its racial problems, these Games were switched to London.

Women competed in track and field events for the first time. Moose Jaw, Sask., schoolgirl Phyllis Dewar became the first athlete to earn four golds, dominating the swimming competition.

Syl Apps, one of the Toronto Maple Leafs' all-time greats and a member of the Hockey Hall of Fame, won a gold in pole vault.

1938 - Sydney, Australia

Canadian longjump favourite Wilbert Brown placed a disappointing 10th while his twin brother Harold took the gold. The Brown brothers were there only because the people of Melford, Ont. chipped in to pay their way to the Games.



Canadian Percy Williams winning the 100 yard dash in 1930

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John Landy looks for Roger Bannister at the end of the Miracle Mile.



Bruce Kidd won the six mile race in 1962.

1942 - Montreal, Canada

The Games didn't make it to Montreal due to the escalation of the Second World War, but Montreal did host the Olympics in 1976, 54 years later.

1950 - Auckland, New Zealand

The Commonwealth Games returned with the end of the war. Crowds of 40,000 attended events that included fencing, weightlifting and diving for the first time.

Canadian sprinter Donald Pelee won a bronze after initially being disqualified for two false starts. Because no such rule existed in Canadian competition, the other runners graciously agreed to let him race in the final.

1954 - Vancouver, Canada

This was the summer of one of the century's most extraordinary moments in sports - the Miracle Mile.

Earlier in the season, Roger Bannister, an Oxford medical student, had become the first man to break the four-minute barrier in the mile. Six weeks later John Landy, an Australian, bettered Bannister's world record mark by 15 seconds.

On the last day of competition at the Vancouver Games, Aug. 7, Bannister and Landy met in the mile race.

Landy, running with a cut foot, led at the half-way mark. But Bannister closed the gap and in the final 100 yards, Landy looked inside to find Bannister, just as the Englishman sped past on the outside to win by five yards. They both finished in less than four minutes.

Months after the Miracle Mile, a worldwide television audience watched horrified as marathoner Jim Peters entered the stadium a staggering 3 1/2 miles ahead of his nearest competitor, but collapsed in the blistering heat less than 400 yards from

the finish. Twelve times he stumbled to the ground, 11 times he rose and tried to continue as spectators wept or looked away.

But he couldn't find the finish line and was eventually helped from the track by an English friar.

1958 - Cardiff, Wales

Ten world records fell in Wales, while South Africa and its all-white teams made their last Games appearance until apartheid finally ended in 1995. That year, South Africa and a mixed-race team were welcomed back to both the Commonwealth and the Games.

1962 - Perth, Australia

Legendary Canadian distance runner and University of Toronto student, Bruce Kidd, earned gold in the swiftest six-mile race and won a bronze in the three-mile event.

1966 - Kingston, Jamaica

Harry Jerome, the first Canadian to officially hold a world track record, won the 100-yard competition. The troubled sprinter of Jamaica's descent must have felt vindicated after being savaged by the press four years earlier in Wales after it appeared he had given up in the 100-yard competition, when in fact, he had been injured.

The brightest star of the Kingston Games was "Mighty Mouse" Elaine Tanner. The 15-year-old competed in seven swimming events, earning gold in four, silver in three others and setting two world records. She also became the youngest person ever to win the Lawford Award as Canada's athlete of the year.

Track and field star Dave Steen was also a Commonwealth Games champion in 1966 as he would be again in 1970, winning the shot put.

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1970 - Edinburgh, Scotland

Queen Elizabeth attended for the first time and the terrible Debbie Brill won the women's high jump. In 1973, the Canadian captured a World Cup championship and was still a fixture at the Commonwealth Games 16 years later.

Canadian breaststroke champion Bill Mahoney also won three golds in the Edinburgh pool.

Canadian cyclist Jocelyn Lovell won a gold with a Games record time in the 20 km scratch event and added a silver and a bronze all in just over 24 hours. One of the finest Canadian cyclists of all time, Lovell was left a quadriplegic after a 1983 car accident while training in Quebec.

1974 - Christchurch, New Zealand

These Games had a small-town feel which was welcome in the aftermath of the kidnapping and murder of Israeli athletes at the 1972 Olympics in Munich. Wrestling was held in the town hall, boxing in a former livestock ring.

Canadian Rex Williams gave some ribbing over missing Sunday church services to protest his shooting but the three-time Olympian took gold in the rapid-fire pistol shoot.

1978 - Edmonton, Canada

Canada led the field of 48 nations with 44 gold medals and for the first time topped all nations in the medal count.

The long-time Canadian track and field starling, Bruce Jones-Korhewski, broke the Games' pentathlon record with the third-best score of all time. After being ranked No. 1 in the world in 1975 and 1978, Jones-Korhewski retired from competitive track in 1983.

The hero of the games, from a Canadian perspective, was Graham Smith who earned six gold medals in individual and team swim events. That he was there in a pool named after his father, Don, a long-time swim coach who had succumbed to cancer two years earlier, added to the moment.

1982 - Brisbane, Australia

Canadian swimming legend and Olympic medal winner Alex Baumann set the only world record at these Games.

On the other side of the Olympic curve, a relatively unheralded Canadian sprinter named Rex Johnson captured silver in the 100-metre race.

Mark McEoy won the 170 metre hurdles, a decade before his gold-medal performance at the Barcelona Olympics.

From the boxing ring came names that would soon thrill Canadians as Olympic medalists, Mike deWit (who needed less than six minutes to capture Commonwealth gold) and Shawn O'Sullivan, neither of whom could turn stellar amateur records into pro success.

The healthy rivalry the Canadians wore T-shirts with a boomer strapping a kangaroo) that had grown up between the Canadian and Australian swimmers threatened to boil over at several points with a series of disqualifications, one of which sent Canadian Victor Davis into a chair-lifting fit at the very moment Queen Elizabeth was touring the pool facilities.

1986 - Edinburgh, Scotland

This was the first large-scale boycott of the Games. Only 26 countries took part due to British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's refusal to join in sanctions against South Africa. Forty-six countries had attended four years earlier.

Canada was there but not without some last-minute soul-searching and fears of athlete insurrection.

Although the boycott cost a pull over the events, some of the finest names in Canadian sport were on hand, including Olympians Mark Tewksbury, Victor Davis, Alex Baumann and Lennox Lewis, a fighter whose name still commands respect worldwide.



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1990 - Auckland, New Zealand

The Commonwealth Games faced its own drug scandal, as three weightlifters were disqualified.

But there were other moments that reinforced the spirit of the Games as Tony Nassiri (Ill sq km) earned three medals while Jamaica also notched its first-ever gold medal. Guyana, Western Samoa and Papua New Guinea all reached the podium at least once.

Quadruple Michael Smith won gold and for many years remained one of the top performers in arguably the most demanding of all individual sports.

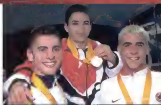
1994 - Victoria, Canada

Canada triumphed again with a successful Games where 14,000 volunteers played host to athletes from 67 countries. Michael Smith took gold again.

1998 - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

This was the first Asian city to host the Commonwealth Games. It was also the first time team sports such as field hockey, netball, cricket and rugby 7s were part of the Games.

In diving, 13-year-old Alexandru Dupaleta exploded onto the



At 13, Alexandru Dupaleta took gold in diving at 1998.

international stage with a surprise gold medal. The larval, Qu, reddish learned to swim when he was five in his parents' backyard pool.

"It was thing in my pool and asked my grandmother if she could give me some. She always gives some '10. Always," he told reporters in Malaysia. "Then I asked my dad if I could do it for real."

This summer in Manchester, 406 Canadian athletes will also be doing it for real. ■

CBC - All Over the Games

CBC Sports will cover the XVII Commonwealth Games in Manchester starting with the opening ceremony on July 25 and ending with the closing ceremony on August 4.

Like Tina Gatties award winner Ron MacLean will host the 34 hours of coverage including prime-time scheduling of highlights of the day's competition. Of course, the major sports like aquatics (swimming, diving and synchronized swimming), athletics, gymnastics, weightlifting, boxing and cycling will get their due, but special emphasis will be placed on sports that normally don't get much attention, badminton, field hockey, lawn bowls, netball, rugby 7s, shooting, squash and table tennis.

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The opening and closing ceremonies, expected to be the most elaborate ever held in the United Kingdom with up to 6,000 performers, will broadcast to a potential worldwide television audience of about 500 million viewers. According to the BBC, the two ceremonies will cost an estimated \$25 million to produce. "Our challenge is to create an event that is uniquely Manchester, but is a way that brings together and reflects the diversity of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth communities around the world," says Jacobs, chair of Jack Morton Worldwide (JMW), told the BBC.

Athletes and visitors will be treated to gleaming new facilities like the \$72-million aquatics centre and the new \$175-million, 38,000-seat City of Manchester Stadium.

Given Canada's best-ever results at the Games in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (30 gold, 99 medals in all), there will be significant pressure on our elite athletes to match those totals.

"This is the biggest tournament of the year for us," says Frederic Penner-Paul, one of the top table tennis players in Canada. It is his first Commonwealth Games as well as the sport's first appearance there.

As usual, Canada will square off with fellow swimming powers Australia and England. Sydney swimming sensation Ian Thorpe (five Olympic medals) will be on hand to face a strong 15-member Canadian team headed by Marianne Limpert of Montreal, Morgan Knabe of Calgary and Mike Minenko of Vancouver. The squad also includes five swimmers with dual

ties. The competition is also expected to be particularly tough in boxing and athletics.

"The focus for the 2002 Games is performance and excellence and memories of a lifetime," says Ming McGregor, the chief de mission for the Manchester Games. Following a best-ever result at the Salt Lake City Olympic Games, "the country is experiencing a little bit of sport-soap," says McGregor. "Lots of hardware will keep those fires burning."

Top level badminton player Denyse Julien, a native of Rouyn, Que., who will turn 42 in July, wants to win but there's more to it.

"It doesn't matter how old one is, it's how much one loves what you do and how professional you are in your preparation that counts," Julien says in her Commonwealth Games biography.

At what will be her sixth Commonwealth Games, Julien, like so many athletes, believes she's winning when she's doing her very best—at the Games and in life. ■

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Meet The Athletes



From left, now Doan of the University of Toronto's Faculty of Physical Education and Health, with the Canadian team in 1962.

In 1962, 19-year-old Bruce Kidd lined up against some of the world's best middle-distance runners at the British Empire and Commonwealth Games in Perth, Australia. The finish line was six miles away, and the young Canadian was pitted against an Olympic medalist and the British champion.

"It was a stellar field," recalls Kidd, now Doan of the University of Toronto's Faculty of Physical Education and Health, "but I was in the best shape of my life and I certainly wanted to win." And he did, by 50 yards.

The belief that, through discipline and Herculean effort, an athlete can overcome daunting odds and become a better person for it—this is the very heart of Commonwealth Games competition.

In the profiles that follow, you will meet some of the 406 Canadian men and women who will journey to Manchester July 25 to Aug. 4. Many share skills such as lightning reflexes, pinpoint accuracy, superior endurance and precise bodily control, but as importantly, they're united in their struggle for excellence.

David Cadieux Boxer

David Cadieux is a 27-year-old native of Trois-Rivières, Que., is Canada's Commonwealth hope in the super-heavyweight class. A giant of a man at 6'6" and 225 lbs., he frequently makes the one-hour trip to Montreal, because there's no one in Trois-Rivières who could stand up to such a sparring partner. He continues to live in Trois-Rivières to be with his two-year-old son, Edouard, and to study for his bachelor degree in education.

Cadieux began boxing at age 15, after being deemed too tall for judo, his first sport. He showed promise but, at age 21, he quit. "I was not believing in myself, there was a high rate of unemployment in my city," he explains. But two years ago, he found his way back into the ring, which led to other things. "It was the best decision I ever made in my life. I went back to school because I went back to boxing."

The sport teaches you to persevere, says Cadieux, "because it's a very hard sport and you can be a champion one day and the next day be defeated. With perseverance and self-belief, you can go anywhere." ■



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Emilie Heymans Diver



As a child, Emilie Heymans' budding gymnastic career was cut short by a simple pronouncement: The coaches said she was too tall to ever excel, which is the only thing Heymans cared to do.

"I always wanted to go to the Olympics and win a medal," says Heymans, 26, of St-Léonard, Que., "and so they told my parents that maybe diving would be a better sport for me."

The wisdom of that decision has never been in doubt—Heymans immediately loved her new sport—but the rightness of the switch was utterly validated at the 2000 Games in Sydney, when she and teammate Anne Montminy won Olympic silver in 10-metre synchronised diving. It's only one of her 13 international medals.

Now Heymans is getting ready for her first Commonwealth Games, having swept the Canadian national trypouts earlier this year. She will compete as a solo athlete in the 3-metre and the 10-metre events.

The training regimen includes weight training and ballet: the latter incorporated three years ago to improve posture and jumping. The men, while initially leery, have relaxed about the ballet, and the whole team is excited about its prospects in Manchester, she says.

"I just think that it's really fun for athletes to go to any Games, because we don't have that many to compete in," says Belgian-born Heymans, whose family moved here when she was a baby. "It's good preparation for bigger Games."

She has found that coaches and judges are generous in their praise. "So many people say to me: 'I love watching you dive, you're really good.' It makes me proud. You feel like you're not diving for nothing."

Still, even with all that support and the camaraderie of her teammates, diving is a solitary endeavour. "After the competition or before, you're with all the divers and you talk and support each other. But on the board I really feel that I am alone and I have to do what I have to do." ■

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Teammate Vivian Berkeley, 60, epitomizes the sport's potential to produce world champions at any age. Berkeley also yields even more lessons about the inclusiveness of high-performance competition when you consider that she is completely blind. She'll compete in Canada's champion in the bowls played for Manchester's Commonwealth Games. Berkeley of Kitchener, Ont., brought a gold medal back from Australia this April, with a decisive victory in the International Paralympic Tournament.

Berkeley depends on directions from coach-director Don Mayne each time she steps up to the mat. She uses her fingers to determine how far her toes should be from the end of the mat, and goes into her semi-crouch to bowl.

She took up lawn bowling in the late 1980s, even as her very limited vision—the ability to distinguish light from dark—was about to fade to black (her blindness stemmed from an oxygen problem in her retinal area).

The Commonwealth Games will be her 10th international event but only the first for Bester, who nonetheless has an impressive eight years or nearly half of his life on the greens.

"It's hand-eye coordination. It's just like curling," he says. "You have to have the right delivery and the right weight in line. Try to find the rhythm. You're trying to find the feel of the green [how much the ball will roll], find your arm motion and have the right weight."

Berkeley does all that, but her hand is coordinated with Mayne's eyes and she depends on the rapport they have established.

She's excited about the Commonwealth Games but regrets the elimination of lawn bowling from the Paralympics.

"Now they took it out and they put wheelchair dancing in," she says. "Somehow I just can't see that being a sport. I don't know, I just can't. Dancing to me is a social type of thing, not a sport." ■



Ryan Bester



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Jonathon Power Squash



Jonathon Power has been ranked the No. 1 squash player in the world three times.

I used to beg Jonathon Power that most Canadians don't know he's been ranked the No. 1 squash player in the world three times.

But at the advanced age of 27—he turned pro at 16—the affable ex-footer known for thick, wavy hair and strong wrists has become much more philosophical.

"I sort of wouldn't want to be more well known," he says. "In most cities, I get a bit of attention but not like where if I go out to dinner, a thousand people ask me for my autograph."

That's not the only change in an athlete who once seemed bent on becoming the John McEnroe of squash. Power admits that, "I sort of put everything on the table" in the heat of a game, "especially when it comes to a bad call. But I've gotten away from the bitterness of it, trying to use a bit of humour [instead of] just being angry and screaming."

[For a sample of this humour, check out the song that plays when you visit www.thepowerofsquash.com.]

His approach seems to be working. Power was speaking from Qatar, the Persian Gulf country that hosted the Professional Squash Association's Men's Tournament in April.

He went on to take top honours, winning \$527,600 and the satisfaction of once more beating his nemesis: top-

ranked Peter Nicol, who has relieved Power of his number-one ranking on three occasions. They'll meet again at the Commonwealth Games where Nicol will represent England.

"All the Commonwealth countries seem to produce top squash players, so the competition is going to be really stiff, probably far stiffer than any other sport," says Power. Barring one Frenchman, all the top pros will be there.

But Power has excelled in such company before—like three years ago when he was first named No. 1 in the world. "That was everything I'd worked for since I was a kid," says the man who first picked up a squash racket at age 7. "I grew up on a military base, and my dad ran all the sports: tennis, basketball, squash, soccer. My dad was pretty serious about me becoming professional in a sport, so he made me choose from all of those when I was 12."

Born in Carmel, B.C., he moved with his family to buses across the country, but now lives in Montreal with his wife, Sita.

"I seem to have found new motivation lately," says Power. "Just enjoying it as opposed to putting so much pressure on myself to get somewhere. Just maintain it and enjoy travelling the world again like I did when I was a kid. Squash is in 142 countries, and I've been to most of them. Getting to play a sport for a living is not a bad thing." ■

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Mintenko says that growing up in Moose Jaw, Sask., has been a huge part of his success.

Mike Mintenko has his on his chest, while Marianne Limpert favours the inside of her ankle.

But it is more than maple leaf tattoos—a longstanding tradition among our national swim team—that mark these two as proud Canadian athletes.

There are, of course, the medals. Limpert, 29, has brought home 91 international medals, including Olympic silver in Atlanta and a gold from the 1998 Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur, both in the 200-metre individual medley. She now holds the Commonwealth record in that race, to go along with the six Canadian records she holds, proving there is plenty of glory outside the Olympics.

"The Commonwealth Games is very important here in Canada," says the Princeton native now living in Montreal. "It's more of a fun Games. I'd say—a big-games situation but without the pressure that you have at the Olympics."

Mintenko is similarly eloquent about their significance. "Swim Canada has a huge tradition and a great legacy. It has been left behind in past Commonwealth Games," he says. "I just want to play my role and do the best I can and bring home some medals."

At 26, Mintenko has 21 international medals but as yet none from those two big Games. He competed in Sydney, bringing home great memories and another tattoo, this one of the Olympic rings.

He got that tattoo at Marley Beach, accompanied by five or six girls from the softball team. "I was with people like Haley Witherle and those kind of people, so it was kind of fun," he remembers.

While he travels the world, often thousands of miles from Moose Jaw, Sask., in some ways, he's never far from his hometown. Thanks in part to funds raised through a cancer and other efforts back there, he's able to train and prepare full-time from his Vancouver base. "It's been a huge part of my success," says Mintenko. Returning in April from the World Short Course Championships in Moscow, where he broke Canadian records in the 100 Free and the 100 Fly, Mintenko was called back to Moose Jaw for his grandfather's funeral.

"A friend of my grandfather's just comes up to me, holds out his hand and hands me 40 bucks—for no reason, like I need \$40. He says, 'You don't have to call me, you don't have to write me, just keep your name in the paper and that's all I want to see.'"

"Those are the cool things about growing up in a small town. Everyone stays behind you and backs you up."



Limpert has brought home more than 91 international medals.



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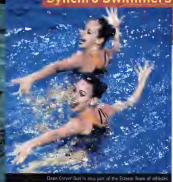


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Claire Carver-Dias, also part of the Etonne team of athletes.

Synchronized swimmer Fanny Létourneau used to be afraid of the water, unless it was frozen and she was figure skating on it. She wouldn't go past the shallow end of her parents' pool in Deux-Montagnes, Que., until the day she watched Canadians Carolyn Waldo and Michelle Gemenen capture Olympic gold in synchronized swimming on TV in 1988.

"I think as a little girl I was really impressed at seeing the women with those nice suits and a little bit of make-up and the sequins so shiny," says Létourneau, now 22. She followed her mother to fit about her swimming ability at regional and simply took to the water.

Now it's her turn to impress—and not just these track and field guys at the gym who can't believe how effortlessly she works her abdominals.

"When you're a synchro swimmer, that's all you do is abs," she says. "You cannot be like a spaghetti in the water." (Her command of English is all the more admirable when you consider she spoke barely a word when she moved to Toronto five years ago, after the national team continued its training. Now she studies part-time at the University of Toronto.)

Coincidentally, teammate Claire Carver-Dias got hooked on synchro watching the very same Olympic broadcast. "It took

so much grace and power and it was pretty, and Canadians were good at it," says Carver-Dias, 25, of Mississauga, Ont. Although both won Olympic bronze medals at the 2000 Games in Sydney, they're still honoured to be attending the Commonwealth Games. "They're just as nice as the Olympics," says Létourneau.

Studying science at U of T, Létourneau has dreams that go beyond the synchro pool, but she knows she'll be using the very qualities she developed there when she enters the job market.

"I think we learn so much from sports: discipline, a work ethic, working with other people," says Létourneau. "My job will be different—I won't be jumping at six o'clock into a cold pool—but the values are very similar."

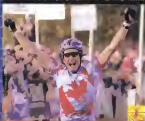
Like her teammate, Carver-Dias juggles high-performance training with university studies, and throws in a husband and motivational speaking for good measure. As part of the Etonne team of athletes, she gives motivational talks to schoolchildren, concentrating on Grades 5 and 6 because that was when she took up synchro.

"I tell them now I had a dream when I was 11, and I set goals and I failed and picked myself again," says Carver-Dias. "I love it because the kids are just so desperate to talk about their own dreams." ■

Roland Green Mountain Biker

Cyclist Roland Green was named Canadian male athlete of the year for 2001, and without a trace of arrogance he'll tell you it means little to him. "For me [cycling] has always been a personal goal. Being recognized as an individual is not a priority for me, but to have the sport recognized and doing well is."

Roland Green's physiological gifts give him an edge at high altitudes.



Whether or not it matters to Green, personal glory will continue to come his way.

The Victoria native, 27, captured the World Championship title last year in the Colorado. And just this May in California, he came second in the Redlands Classic, a five-day road race comparable to the Tour de France, though shorter. Green won the hardest stage, an incline, thanks to a heart and lungs that he says are twice the normal size for someone of his height and weight: 5'11", 165 lbs.

That helps explain his preference for mountain biking, where his physiological gifts give him an edge at high altitudes. "In mountain biking, it's you against yourself really and the course." When he returned to California in May for the Sea Otter Classic, the world's biggest mountain bike stage race, he won overall.

Still, for Green, the Commonwealth Games are the year's most exciting event as these are the first Games to include mountain biking.

"What attracts me to the sport is not just the fitness part, but the reflexes and the athletic ability that it takes to handle a bike," he says. "You have to keep the thing running perfectly and respect it. It's classic man-and-machine." ■

Simon Whitfield Triathlete

Triathlete Simon Whitfield had a quietly confident moment just 30 seconds before the cycling split that would fracture his collarbone and both wrists. He had run and swam well, and felt good as he mounted his cycle.

"I came out of the water in the top five," says the 27-year-old Olympic gold medalist, describing the World Championship race that took place in Australia in April. "The world champion came by and I thought, 'You're in real trouble today.' And the next thing I know I'm lying on the ground, thinking, 'I'm going to have to save that for another day.'"

That other day comes this July, because the popular, personable athlete fully intends to overcome this setback and compete at his first Commonwealth Games in Manchester.

By mid-May, Whitfield figured his collarbone was about 95-per-cent healed, generating only a bit of pain compared to previous weeks—like when he showed up for training practice before he was ready.

"I'm such a competitive person. I needed an outlet," he says, "so I tried to run with everybody, did fine, then came home and had very sore shoulders." That set him back



The 27-year-old Olympic gold medalist.

another three days, but because he was in the best shape of his life at the time of the accident, he was happy to discover that "my running fitness stayed." The cost on his right wrist was to come off at the end of May.

Known in the triathlon world as Simon "Happy" Whitfield, the Kingston Ont.-born champion refuses to get depressed about his mishap.

"In this line of work, it's only a matter of time before you have some kind of setback, so I wasn't too fussed about it," he says. "It's given me a month to be refreshed mentally and to be really excited about training again." ■



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South Farnes (left) and Bob Seely (right) of the women's field hockey team, which overcame its failures to get a full-time coach.

Coaches and Volunteers Outnumber the Athletes

Volunteers—they are as much a part of Canada's Commonwealth Games team as the athletes they support.

In Manchester, more than 500 volunteers will devote up to one month of their holidays to work with Canada's 488 athletes. They'll be doing everything from updating the Web site (www.commonwealthgames.ca) and managing database information pertaining to medals records and personal leads, to issuing press releases. They'll pack the uniforms and equipment for shipment to Manchester from all across Canada, then unpack it for distribution to the athletes. Volunteers will arrange flights to Britain and ground transportation once the athletes land. Of course, there are also coaches, doctors and therapists.

When you think about what's involved, you can see why amateur sport is the second largest voluntary industry in Canada behind religious activity.

"Volunteering in sport for me has always been a positive experience. I work in the sport field, I play in sport and I believe in sport and all the positive attributes it has to offer," says Sherwin Scudiff, Sport Manager, who has volunteered in sports for about 20 years and with the Commonwealth Games since last fall. "My children are active in sport, allowing me the comfort that they will grow up healthy, with confidence and have high self-esteem. Volunteering my time with the Commonwealth Games will instill in me the Games' values of caring, justice and development that I can then pass along to my family and my colleagues in sport."

Many coaches are volunteers and they play a vital role in both individual and team achievements.

Pick Tinnelly, manager of Rugby Canada 7s, can't say enough about coach Doug Tate. "He took us out of the wilderness into the top eight teams in the world."

When Tate became coach of the national rugby 7s team in 1997, he enlisted the team train together year-round. He also intensified the team's conditioning and instituted a regular metabolic fitness test. Players who don't meet the standard don't even get on the plane.

"It's a common comment by the other teams about how fit our guys are," says Tate.

That helps explain how the team went to seventh place in 1997, later's first World Cup as coach, from 21st place the year before.

Canada's national field hockey team believed coaching was so important, it recently reorganized its finances in order to afford full-time coaches for its men's and women's teams.

"Being full-time allows one person to dedicate all of his tasks to a team," says the coach of the Canadian men's team Gene Muller, 35, who played for South Africa and coached its women's team. "I think that coaching is really time- and energy-intensive. It's very difficult for a team to move forward with a part-time coach."

The men's team is now ranked 10th, and its goal is to make the next Olympic Games, which admit only the top 12. Muller says he brings no particular new philosophy to the team. "What counts in the long run is having someone who is predictable and consistently there when the players need him." ■



Coaches on the field

Norrie (above) (below) (left) and Mark Simmons (right) share their training and competitive experiences with corporate executives.



The Corporate



Commitment

George Heller is not a sports guy. Never was. Never will be. But the president of Hudson's Bay Company does love athletes, especially Canada's amateurs.

"Most of the athletes in Canada I've met are the kind of people I'd want to be," says Heller who was CEO of the 1994 Victoria Games and has been involved ever since. "It's our young people. Our set of Games. It's part of our identity."

The 400-member Canadian contingent marches into the stadium for the opening of the Manchester Games on July 25 (thanks in part to corporate sponsors like Hudson's Bay (left)).

In today's results-oriented corporate world, the Commonwealth Games can be a more challenging sell than the Olympics, the grand daddy of amateur sports marketing.

The Commonwealth Games appeal to potential sponsors on an emotional level, forcing them to look at what is good for them internally as well as the bottom line. It's a chance to say to employees and suppliers, "Hey, we're supporting Canada and Canadians." Some Commonwealth Games sponsors have challenged various divisions to raise money to sponsor one or more athletes.

Personalizing the sponsorship has also helped. The athletes themselves meet with sales people, visit production sites or attend corporate outings like golf tournaments.

Last year, Heller helped organize what will be an annual golf event that drew 400 potential sponsors and raised a one-day record of \$750,000 for the Canadian Commonwealth effort.

"It's supporting Canadian amateur athletes at a very grassroots level," explains Andrea Garzo who is with CGC's Sponsor Servicing arm.

Suezy Galloway, who helped the Canadian gymnastics team win silver at the 1994 Victoria Games, is now an account manager with Xerox. She and veteran Canadian athletes Trivette

Betty and Mark Simmons share their training and competitive experiences with employees. Many of whom have no idea what Canadian athletes routinely give up to train and compete at the highest levels. "It really makes it real for them," says Galloway. Cozy Dunlop, the COO of Sealy Canada Ltd., more than doubled the company's investment in the Canadian effort for the Manchester Games after athletes told him how they struggled to juggle jobs with training due to limited funding. "You kind of see how they live every day," says Dunlop.

Now production staff at the company's Toronto plant are sporting Canadian Commonwealth Games paraphernalia and there is a lot of Sealy sleep products named after Commonwealth themes.

The company will be committing about \$250,000 to the Manchester Games and Dunlop says the investment will continue beyond this summer's event.

"I can't imagine better ambassadors for the Commonwealth Games," Dunlop says of the athletes who have attended seminars and met with sales people. ■

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CROSSING THE RUBICON

The two sides have declared war. So what comes next for the Liberals?

BY JULIAN BELTRAME in Ottawa

It was appropriate that as he embarked on the biggest political gamble of his life, Paul Martin chose to talk about warring at the edge of the Rubicon. Ordered by Prime Minister Jean Chrétien to stand down in his campaign to replace him, the finance minister saw the possibility with a momentous turning point in the history of the ancient world. In Martin's mental construction, he was a latter-day Julius Caesar on the banks of the river, instructed to disband his army and, in essence, swear allegiance to casual Pompey. As every history student knows, Caesar crossed his formidable army across the Rubicon to defeat Pompey in a bloody civil war.

And so, hold-the-line, waver-take-all war is what Martin and Chrétien declared on June 2, when Ottawa's two warring sides inevitably ruptured their nine-year political partnership. Despite mutual public assurances of respect, the enmity between the two was evident during the Sunday afternoon phone conversation to discuss their deteriorating relationship. The call was brief and as thick with distrust that Chrétien quickly handed the phone to long-time adviser Eddie Goldenberg in order to secure a mutual declaration of divorce. Martin, who was to be far on route back to the capital from his firm southeast of Montreal, refused to sign on—saying for more time to ponder his options—but there was little to decide for either man. Martin had effectively maneuvered Chrétien into firing him, and subsequently heard of his success on the air radio. Martin's lawyer, David Herli, an Ottawa consultant, admitted the finance minister was going to resign in any case, but still blamed Chrétien. "The Prime Minister did not have the courage or class to tell it so bare directly," he said.

Last week, the two rival camps began assessing their strengths and plotting strategies for the battle that will likely culminate in a leadership review convention in February, 2003. Normally that would be an occasion for party leaders to bask in the adulation of the faithful. But Chrétien hosted last week he is treating the upcoming showdown as a de facto leadership contest. And he may be prepared to declare victory with a bare majority—a low threshold considering Joe Clark stepped down from the helm of the Progressive Conservative party in 1983 after mustering 66 per cent support. Party president Stephen LeDrew—who squelched attempts to postpone the review—and he will take steps to ensure transparency and fairness. Remembering that some questioned the 90-per-cent level of support for Chrétien in the 1998 review, LeDrew said he will recommend to his executive that a neutral judge or independent accountant monitor the process. With so much at stake, he declared, "It's not going to have anybody impugn the integrity of this vote."



The Prime Minister will try to show that he still wields some heavy weaponry

Almost immediately, the Martin camp jumped into action. Their spin—that the Prime Minister had asked party unity for his personal gain—was belated by Monday morning headlines in several newspapers portraying the split as a Chrétien broadside against his chief rival. And Martin attempted to paint himself as a loyal party man by publicly urging his supporters to hold their fire and do nothing to damage the government. Canadians can expect to see more of Martin taking the high road in the coming weeks, he will set out on a cross-country series of speeches outlining his grand vision for the country—details to follow—apparently contrasting it with Chrétien's no-surprises governing style. He will likely direct no personal attacks at the Prime Minister,

knowing full well his own loyalists are ready to take up the slack.

So far they've come through. Caucus chairman Stan Kopye once-managed Wednesday's caucus meeting to ensure that pro-Martin MPs had ample opportunity to vent their anger at Chrétien. Others, among them Toronto-area MP Dan McTeague, sounded the alarm over what a Martin-led government would mean to the party's future electoral prospects. Many using Liberal MPs would not have been elected in 2000, he and others said, had not the former minister vigorously campaigned side by side with Chrétien. "Mr. Martin is the favoured choice of neoliberal Canadians," McTeague told Alton, "and they're saying, 'Thank you, Prime Minister—you've done a good job, but it's time for change.'"

Meanwhile, Martinians are preparing to wage trench warfare—as dirty as necessary—for control of the 301 constituency associations across Canada that will decide the Prime Minister's fate. By almost universal consensus, Martin has already aroused enough ground troops to roll over Chrétien at the leadership review convention. That may sound incredible, but even Chrétien's advisors acknowledge they have not adequately prepared for the battle ahead.

Chrétien last month ordered such cabinet minister to deliver to him 500 votes for the leadership review. On the other hand, Martin, who lost the 1990 leadership race to Chrétien, has been organizing for the next time ever since. Martin support is so entrenched and widespread that Brian Tobin abandoned his drive for the top job and left federal politics in January when he realized the futility of challenging him. As well, Martin is believed to be supported by two-thirds of the 170 Liberal MPs in caucus.

For Chrétien, the strategy is less clear-cut. With no organization on the ground, the Prime Minister's camp intends to deploy a carrot-and-stick approach to keep Liberals in line. Publicly, they continue to praise Martin's contribution to the government over the past nine years, but privately they paint him as a man obsessed with gaining power. "What's his reason for wanting the Prime Minister seat?" asked a Chrétien insider. "That he's getting old or is now or never?" (Martin is 53, Chrétien 68.) It also noted that for all the talk of



A BARBECUE SEASON WITHOUT THE MAIN COURSE

For Liberal Liberals, it has to be the equivalent of a rainy parade, minus the joy and the Christmas without snow—all rolled into one. Jean Chrétien's bid to win the next election is to succeed him as leader appears to have departed party members across the country of their annual dinner to grill the fish with the stars of his cabinet. In recent years, local Liberal riding associations have seen the sight of their summer golf tourna-

ments, canoe races and picnics immediately vetoed as Ottawa being hit by the Paul Martin, John Manley, Allan Rock and Sheila Copps who would the country living up support. But the Prime Minister's Quest the efforts in golf do not have left many members reluctant to consent to the backyard circuit, but they are prepared on getting nothing. And while the media and public might seem themselves likely to be spared the sight of doughy politicians in Dockers

provoked. Last week, he threatened to call a snap election if MP's loyal to Martin gonged up to vote down a routine budget motion to supply the government with money to operate during the fiscal year. He can reward and punish MPs with cabinet posts, committee chair positions, the promise of Senate appointments and other perks. And he can punish disloyalty by be characteristically showed with his handling of Martin. Facing a razor-thin caucus meeting Wednesday, Chrétien sent a chill through



and golf starts during the way to the 1995 bid, only riding associations are not happy. "There was a chance that maybe Martin or Sheila Copps was going to," says Phil Manning, the organizer of a "Roll Out Action and Support" in Vancouver, B.C. "But not anymore, with all this big leadership in Ottawa." The only minister was scheduled to attend in Robert Filaret, the local MP and guest of honor.

Instead, last night, the riding association president in Martin's back West district, says he's still hopeful that a "Football with Debbie" evening scheduled

for June 17 will live up to its billing. "There is always a kind of meeting going on," he says. "But we have a good representation" last night who intends to send a special invitation to Paul Martin. "It's time for a change," he says flatly.

Still, the fallout from the party's power struggle won't be felt everywhere. Bob Robson says the Liberals and events his organizers in Hagerstown, Ont., remembered as the scene of Canada's worst ever fire—there's been a tough sell in the Ottawa district. This year's leadership will have a strong turnout,

Martin and Chrétien presiding and cutting the flesh in happier times.

but probably no election, unless Jean Steward or Gormley who have sought to oust Martin, drop by. And even though he counts himself as a Martin supporter, Robson says it's probably a good thing that someone is finally moving in the leadership contest. "Liberals don't associate our prime ministers in public," he says. "We have not had of doing to the Conservatives." Jonathan Gershon

the room with his son to the Ministers. "If you think I am a disaster, vote for a review," he was reported as telling them. Then came the catch—"You gamble I might win." Enough said.

Incident up Chrétien's ear in the hole to the party's mythology of loyalty to the leader—which is why, they argue, that the Liberals are regarded as Canada's most corrupt governing power, holding office throughout most of the past century. "The Tories rub their hands in the back,

not Liberals," said one Chrétien adviser. "Look at 1986 when John Turner was at 39 per cent in the polls and had 40 seats. He still got 76 per cent support in the leadership review." Chrétien, who has delivered three consecutive majority governments, shouldn't even be undergoing a review, the loyalist added.

"Who will win?" Liberal history may be with Chrétien, but the hard numbers are with Martin. While no daring prime minister has ever been done as by an article

job, none have faced a popular mal with undiminished resources which been organizing. For this reason, the home part of a decade. And finally, so Chrétien has been building for years in the constituency level. Patrick Maloney, president of the Vancouver Centre Liberal riding association, vows the Prime Minister will be embarrassed if he presses the fight. He says Liberals in his area are "offended" by the way Chrétien treated his most credible rival. Since Martin's exit, Maloney has been



Après lui, le déluge

In retrospect, it's hard to remember just how bad the situation really was in the summer of 1994. Even Paul Martin did not quite grasp the scope of the crisis. He knew the 1994-1995 deficit was going to be high. But if pushed hard, the finance minister would argue that Canada could eventually grow its way out of this \$37.5 billion shortfall through higher revenues. Then he saw the brutal arithmetic of compound interest. The debt was growing by \$85,000 a second. In five years, even if program spending and revenues matched each other, interest payments would be \$20 billion higher because their actual cost was adding to the total debt. Ottawa was already paying more than \$42 billion in interest charges—more than one-third of the cost of program spending. The federal government could not even lower interest rates because it desperately needed foreign capital to finance a debt that was 75 per cent of the size of the entire Canadian economy.

The situation was dire—but Martin resisted. He argued with his officials. He fumed. Finally, he reluctantly conceded that radical action was required. "Once converted, he had the air of a convert," recalls columnist Peter Nicholson, who was then seconded to the treasury from the private sector. "Looking back, his course seems inevitable. But it frequently takes a great deal of work to bring about the inevitable."

It is worth recalling that epiphany today—and not just because Martin balanced the books in 1997-1998 after 28 years of deficits. (Canada is now heading toward its tenth consecutive balanced budget.) The saga also demonstrates how much it takes to saddle a complacent Ottawa mind-set. Martin had the support of Prime Minister Jean Chretien, who once formed strong ministers. But he had to face down a cacophony of cabinet prelates against his spending cuts and drastic program redesign. Lloyd Axworthy, for one, then human resources minister, was advocating an ambitious social security review that could have added billions to Ottawa's tab.

It was a tough crowd to conquer. Martin learned how to argue persuasively through weary protests. He built alliances and headed off potential snafus, especially with Axworthy. Most of all, he forcefully exorcised the doubt that his personality and his position gave him, and that doubt grew with each success. (Most Liberals were flummoxed when the textbook theories actually worked: diminishing deficits did allow Canada to lower its interest rates below U.S. levels without penalty for the first time in decades.) And Martin needed that doubt when the deficit roared—and everyone wanted to spend again. He picked his spots, usually carefully. He funded

university chairs for research. He put money into the National Child Benefit, which used refundable tax credits to help the working-poor and lone families on welfare into the workplace. He had, in short, a vision. "He is multi-talented," says Ken Burt, president of the Canadian Institute of Social Policy. "And he leaves a real social legacy."

Which brings us to his successor, John Manley. The new minister certainly has a vision of where Canada must go in the 21st century. He may be less inclined to put money into social programs such as the national child benefit. Instead, he has been outspoken on the need to boost productivity through investments in everything from research and development to education. "The challenge now is how do you raise living standards for all Canadians?" says Toronto-Dominion Bank chief economist Don Drummond. "And he is very much a champion of that approach."

But will he have the clout? With the economy performing better than expected, with revenues rising, there are huge pressures to put more money into defence, foreign aid, agriculture, transportation and infrastructure. It is far from clear that Manley, although charming, has the political wiles or statistical skills to find off the spending demands of his rubicundly competing cabinet colleagues, many of whom will

want to be able to cite their high-flying, big-dollar accomplishments if they run for the leadership.

Worse, the Prime Minister's Office has never liked Manley's blunt talk about productivity. PMO officials were disgruntled in February, 1999, when creating industry minister Manley pointed out that Ontario's labour productivity performance put it only slightly ahead of Mississippi. In fact, officials were so concerned that he would become equally vocal on behalf of his department's long-stalled innovation agenda—finally published this year—that it was part of the reason he was shifted into foreign affairs in October, 2000. "We wanted to tone down the negative stuff," says an insider. "He was going too outspoken."

Still, Manley may prevail. He is working with the same deft deputy ministers, Kevin Lynch, that he had in industry the day once delivered productivity speeches with revolved-on flour across the nation. "It is the job of the industry ministers," Manley told me in the mid-1990s, "to be to the right of the finance minister." He has the wife of deputy prime status, which may squelch a few aspirants. And he has his own convictions. The challenge now will be to deliver that vision—and not a hodgepodge of his colleagues' pet projects. □

Paul Martin had the clout to hold back other ministers' demands for money. Can John Manley do the same?



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Heinkel and his fellow activists are busy knitting up protest.

READY FOR THE G8

Security is in place for the summit. The opposition is raring to go as well.

BY BRIAN BERKMAN in Calgary

"It revolution is not a dinner party, or writing an essay, or painting a picture, or doing embroidery, it cannot be so refined, so leisurely and graceful."
—Alex Zaidov

At last, the good Chairman never had the pleasure of entering the Revolutionary Kriming Circle. On the first Tuesday of every month, about a dozen wild Calgary knitters gather to compare

stitches, swap patterns and nosh on assorted munchies. But this isn't your typical grandmother-in-a-thrill crowd. As their name suggests, these knitters are all committed social activists who can expound on the evils of global capitalism as deftly as they can knit a rose. So what's so radical about knitting? "It's not like the French Revolution where people were being guillotined and all that stuff," confesses Grant Neufeld, a novice, or thump-something (he won't say exactly, for fear of "age-typing") computer programmer

who speaks for the knitting circle. "It's a pretty non-violent form of dissent. We are creating, rather than going out and trashing what we object to."
These days, the knitters are channeling their creative energies into protesting the G8 summit of leaders from eight major industrialized nations to be held in Kananaskis, Alta., on June 26-27. They are making blankets with anti-G8 slogans that will serve the dual purpose of keeping visiting activists warm at night and providing them with pocket bunnies during



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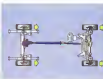
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the day. The Calgary contingent also plans to participate in a Global Kne-In on the opening day of the summit, wherein thousands of activists around the planet are being urged to take their needles and pins to one of the centres of corporate or political power in their constituencies and weave a bit of mischief. Nisfeld, for example, sees his group heading to Kananaskis Country, 90 km west of Calgary, and draping the abundant evergreens in knitted "tree coats" as a way of greeting the world leaders before they scurry into the woods behind a phalanx of RCMP and military guards. Hey, a fellow can dream, can't he?

It's doubtful Jean Chrétien had the Revolutionary Kneeing Circle in mind when Kananaskis Country—a 4,000-square-km swath of Rocky Mountain wilderness where grizzlies and cougar casually outnumber humans—emerged last summer as his surprise choice for the summertime (Ottawa or Calgary were considered more likely contenders). But the Prime Minister was clearly spooked by the violence that erupted during last year's G8 summit in Genoa, Italy, which left one 23-year-old activist dead and hundreds of protesters and police injured. "If the anarchists want to destroy democracy," vowed Chrétien, "we will not let them succeed."

Chrétien's tough words reinforce Calgary's image as a law-and-order kind of town.

Chrétien's solution was to secure the eight heads of state and their closest advisors in Kananaskis Village, where they will discuss the global economy, the war on terrorism and, above all, an ambitious Canadian-led initiative to lift the African continent out of poverty (including, ironically enough, a Third World debt relief program spearheaded by Paul Martin, whom Chrétien ousted from cabinet last week). Since the "village" consists of just two hotels, with about 400 rooms, and a small general store, other G8 delegates, along with some 2,500 visiting media representatives, will have to stay in Calgary. And with only one main road into Kananaskis Country, security forces stand an excellent chance of thwarting the sort of in-your-face protests that have become a fixture at international gatherings ever since the infamous "Battle of Seattle" during the World Trade Organization meeting in 1999.

While outfoxing protesters may have been Chrétien's chief objective, bringing world leaders together in one place in the modern era also means taking account of terrorist threats. That, of course, became a far more pressing concern after Sept. 11. But in terms of blocking both protesters

and potential terrorists, Kananaskis was an inspired choice, says John Thompson, a security analyst with the Toronto-based Mackenzie Institute. "Kananaskis is remote countryside and no one can get into that mountain valley unobserved," explains Thompson. "It would be very difficult to deliver a credible threat to the conference site."

But protection comes at a price. By some estimates, hosting the G8 summit will cost up to \$500 million, much of it to bolster the largest security operation in Canadian peacetime history. In Calgary, where many of the protests are likely to be staged, all 1,400 members of the city police force will be on high alert. The city is also drawing support officers from 25 other police forces, some as far afield as Ontario. Kananaskis, meanwhile, will assemble an armed camp. Although security officials remain tight-lipped about their plans, it's expected hundreds, perhaps thousands, of RCMP and Canadian Forces personnel will patrol the woods, enforcing a 6.5-km security perimeter extending around the Delta Lodge at Kananaskis, the main meeting site. The military will also oversee a 150-km no-fly zone over the summit



For the goodness of grapes, drink a glass a day.

sire. Intruders will be intercepted and, if necessary, shot down using ground-to-air missiles and C-18 fighter jets parked

In fact, security experts point to scenarios that seem more at home in a John le Carré thriller set in the Middle East than in the tranquil peaks and valleys of Kananaskis Country. Thompson expects the military to employ both ground-based and airborne thermal imagery technology to help distinguish between virus and bear and detect anything coming into the area walking on two legs rather than four. "Sophisticated communications equipment should allow them to pick up suspicious radio transmissions, while counter-battery radar are used to spot the increasing majority of mortar shells or rockets. "We also shouldn't forget," says Thompson, "that Canada has some very, very good military snipers."

If clear enough to enter would-be troublemakers, security forces may have

another ally—seasoned wildlife. During a recent trip to Europe, Chretien boasted to hiskin journalists that the autumn size is "guarded" from the back by mountain, from the front by a river, from the south by an Indian village and from the north by 500 bears." While the Prime Minister was doubtless joking, some observers think he may have a point. "Grizzlies and moose might be a natural deterrent," says Jon Clark, one of only a handful of Albertans who have taken loss in Kananaskis Country. "Maybe that's the thing to do: put a lot of bear scat on the road to scare away intruders."

Calgary, almost by default, has become the focal point for those wishing to protest the G8 and all it stands for. From the outset, activists were deeply conflicted about staging demonstrations in Kananaskis Country, fearing they might damage the natural environment. For months, they tested a plan known as "Indignity Village," a kind

of anti-globalist Woodstock that would have seen 10,000 or more camp out on lands near Kananaskis for a week of music, activism, theater and consciousness-raising workshops. Those hopes were crushed when both G8 organizers and the Storey Indian band, which owns a vast tract of land near the summit site, failed to buy into the vision. The activists then scrambled to find a suitable site in Calgary, asking the city to let them pitch their tent in one of the urban parks. No way, responded Calgary Mayor Dave Bronckhorst. "Park space is there for the people of this city to use and enjoy," he told Maclean's. "It's not at the behest of others who want to take it and abuse it."

The report's tough words reinforce Calgary's image as a law-and-order kind of town. "The 1960s are over," Bronckhorst warns would-be protesters. "The world has changed. Calgaryites won't tolerate unlawful protest. We want to ensure the cycle of violence that has been attracted to these events of late is broken."

To that end, the Calgary police department and other civic authorities are snapping out an elaborate security and emergency response plan. During the 36-hour summit, at least 100 vehicles will be added to the fairly regular 500-vehicle fleet. The city police also paid \$1.1 million to purchase two RG17 armored military rescue vehicles—a staple of riot squads in the Middle East—that could be used to remove squad police, activists or bystanders if protests turn ugly. Officers are being outfitted with enough non-lethal gas masks and tear gas canisters to fill half a 10,000-sq.-ft. warehouse. Those Calgary contractors will be reserved and open 16 hours a day for processing arrested lawbreakers, and camera operators are being moved from provincial to federal jails to make room for the overflow. The Calgary Health Region, meanwhile, is installing special decontamination units to hose down our gas and pepper spray victims. It is also making sure extra medical and hospital staff are on call.

Calgary deputy police chief Rick Hanson says that, in all instances, these are basic precautions, which authorities hope they do not have to use. "You prepare for the worst," observes Hanson, "and hope for the best."

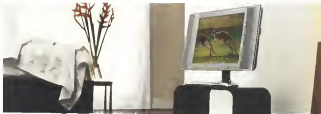
Sarah Kerr simply shakes her head at the elaborate security measures being taken to deal with people, well, like her. A 35-

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Previous anti-globalization protests in Seattle (left) and Geneva have been violent

IS IT REALLY WORTH IT?

Gathering together the world's leaders is an increasingly costly proposition. The last time Canada was host to about was the Group of 7 leaders in Ottawa in 1995: the price tag was a new \$78 million. Last year's G8 summit cost the federal government \$220 million, and many expect the 10 for the G8 summit in Kananaskis to be at least double that. Such hyperinflation has critics across the political spectrum questioning if it's money well spent.

Yves Fassin is a Calgary-based peace and human rights activist who is helping to organize the G80 (Group of 100 Willies, reflecting to the world's population's indifference to the host of the G8 summit) of Calgary from June 21-28. The alternative forum will monitor global policies aimed, among other things, at promoting economic equality, human rights and environmental protection. Fassin notes

exactly that the cost of the Kananaskis summit may be roughly equal to the \$100 million in debt and Ottawa is pledging as part of its world without war initiative. "Cancel the meeting," she says, "and we could double our contribution."

Michael Walker, executive director of the Vancouver-based Fraser Institute, a right-wing think-tank, comes to a similar conclusion, but from a very different perspective. Walker notes that much of the heavy lifting in global policy is done in other forums, including the World Trade Organization and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. By comparison, the G8, he says, is little more than a glorified photo op for the attending leaders, and one that has become an expensive and risky magnet for protest to boot. "It provides an opportunity for militant people to demonstrate and spread their venom and paranoia," says Walker. "It just irritates me that it may be time to wind this thing down." ■



year-old redhead with an easy smile, Kerr doesn't look at all like a wild-eyed revolutionary. Kerr holds a master's degree in environmental studies and works as a seasonal lecturer in sustainable community development at the University of Calgary. She is also a long-time activist and member of the Trade of Scales, an event which she says served to radicalize her. "I saw the incredible power of the police and state are willing to go to shut us down," says Kerr as she nibbles on a salad at a restaurant near her home in Calgary's funky inner city Hillhurst-Sunnyside neighbourhood. "Conversely, I saw the incredible power of the people on the street. That was a big turning point for me."

Scales exposed Kerr to another new experience: prison. After joining what she describes as a peaceful demonstration, Kerr says she found herself and hundreds of others confined for four or five blocks by riot police and then lined up on rubber bullets and tear gas. Several hundred people were arrested and taken to jail, where they deliberately slowed their names by declining to give their names

Kerr shakes her head at the measures being taken to deal with people, well, like her.

and refusing to be released unless all prisoners were let go at the same time. "Scale made me realize that just a verbal and tear gas and rubber bullets are horrible," says Kerr. "But I also learned they are all reversible."

Kerr says it's impossible to know if this month's G8 summit will foster Seattle-like conflict, though she notes the overwhelming majority of protesters are of peaceful intent. She also denies the way civil authorities and the media tend to focus on the potential for violence. "We all know that if it bleeds, it leads," she says with a wistful smile. Nor that Kerr expects much more of what she calls "the corporate media." Observes Kerr: "It's not in the interest of the mainstream media to tell our story very well. So we have to find other ways of getting our story out."

As part of that effort, Kerr spends a good deal of time talking to high school and university classes and community groups about what she sees in the perils of global capitalism. Her message is that organiza-

tions like the G8, the World Trade Organization and the International Monetary Fund "are designed by wealthy countries and work for wealthy countries and their elites." Social spending is a reasonable thing, she says, but corporations can maximize profits. Despite Alberta's renowned conservatism, Kerr says she often enjoys a friendly reception. "You get 30 people in a room and ask them: who is having to raise funds for school supplies that used to be paid for? Who knows someone affected by health-care cuts? Who has a family member or friend who lost their job because the company moved south? And people nod and say, 'Yeah.'"

For all the obstacles being placed in their way, Kerr still expects thousands of visiting activists and ordinary Albertans to join in the protests. "People used to look at these big demonstrations and wonder: 'Who are these crazy people?'" she says. "Now they say, 'Hurray, I wonder if my niece is in that.'" Heck, some of them might even be breastfeeding kissing needles. □



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That was the motto used to organize the Silver Jubilee 25 years ago, and it was clearly taken to heart by everyone planning the Golden Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II. Last week, Britain came alive with a four-day weekend packed with concerts and church services, parades and pageantry. Not even a small fire at Buckingham Palace could disrupt the celebrations. From launching a national sing-along of *All You Need Is Love* to exchanging speeches with Prime Minister Tony Blair, the Queen was obviously touched at the display of affection from her subjects, saying, "Gratitude, respect and pride show what turn us up here. I feel about the people of this country and the Commonwealth, and what this Golden Jubilee means to me." In the final 24 hours, the 76-year-old monarch caught the end of a special pop concert, lit the National Beacon, enjoyed a dazzling light and fireworks display with a million others outside the palace, rode in a three-century-old gold coach to St. Paul's Cathedral for a service of thanksgiving, gave a speech at Guildhall, watched as six magicians proceeded down the Mall, and then waved to the crowds from the balcony of Buckingham Palace. All in all, just a day's work for the Queen, and majestic good fun.

Patricia Todd

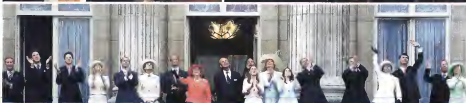


The Queen strolls to a function at Buckingham Palace (top). Escorted by the Household Cavalry, Her Majesty and Prince Philip ride in the Gold State Coach while Prince Charles and Princess Anne ride behind (right). Built in 1702 for King George III, the coach (below) was last used for the Silver Jubilee in 1977, with a notoriously jolting ride. It is so heavy that it can only be moved by eight horses if a snow week. Accompanied by Prince Philip, the Queen attended a thanksgiving service at St. Paul's Cathedral (below right). Also taking part was (from left) Prince Andrew's daughter Sophie, princess Harry and William, their father Prince Charles, as well as other family members.





Brian May, guitarist for the band Queen, opened the pop concert with a rendition of God Save the Queen for a "diminutive" Buckingham Palace balcony at the classical music concert (left). The Queen was joined by her sons, Lady Sarah Chatto (second from right). The occasion also marked the first time the Queen was photographed with Charles's companion, Camilla Parker Bowles (left pink at left). The crowd in London was treated to a light and fireworks display (left right). The festivities also featured an air show (below), which the royal family viewed from the palace balcony (below right).





"Football is in my genes" At 4:45 a.m. on June 5, 2000 soccer fans packed into Toronto's Cervantes Downtown Bar-Gill to watch Portugal lose 2-1 to the United States in their World Cup match. Anthony Carvalho, 41, was there with his three sons: Matthew, 12, Mark, 10, and Thomas, 8.

from Portuguese. I came to Canada when I was a year old. My parents brought me because they wanted a better lifestyle, more opportunities.

I am a fan of football. I like hockey but football is in my genes. In Portugal, it's the major sport so you might say that I've carried some of my heritage with me. I brought my kids today. They're all Canadian but they like the game and they like cheering for Portugal's country.

I met Louie [sic] Andrius [sic] in hockey. I watched the men's and women's games. Being here the Olympic gold, God bless them. I took the kids down the street. All that noise and people cheering. It is something for kids that size to see all that excitement. It means as all proud to be Canadian.

A lot of people here love soccer watching this game. I like it because it's a team sport. All you need is a ball. And I come out to these things because we need to support our background. We love this country of our men or our grandparents. And it is something we can identify with in this exciting past. But we also forget that we are Canadians, of course.

Unfortunately, Canada isn't in the World Cup but



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HE'S LIKE THE WIND

Adam Beach helps Hollywood tackle Navajo codes

After appearing with Adam Beach in the new Second World War movie *Windtalkers*, Nicolas Cage had some nice things to say about the 29-year-old Canadian actor. "He's very interactive. I don't think he knows how good he really is," says Cage. "He's so believable, so real. I just hope he doesn't change any of that, just stays this pure artist." Beach returns the compliment: "From Nic Cage I learned how to use the camera to make an intimate connection with the audience. He moves his eye line so close to the camera that he's able to really convey certain emotions." Considering Cage has been meticulously exploring that connection with the audience in such well as *City of Angels*, *The Finely Man* and *Captain Corbin 'N' Meade*, Beach should do as Nic says, not as Nic does.

Windtalkers is set in 1942, when the U.S. Marines enforced several hundred Navajo Americans to come up with an encrypted transmission code based on their native tongue. All previous codes had been cracked by the Japanese—but the Navajo's language was undecipherable and was considered key in winning the war. During combat the Navajo code talkers were assigned Marine bodyguards. The film hypothesizes that these soldiers were ordered to protect the code at all costs, even killing the code talker if he was about to be captured. Cage plays a marooned, wounded marine assigned to Beach's combi-vigil windtalker. As the two men grow closer, Cage's character wonders if he'll be able to carry out his orders.

Director John Woo tries to do justice to this little-known, fascinating war story, but *Windtalkers* falls victim to Hollywood misconceptions—no many bigoted soldiers making stereotypical jokes about "ajani" until they eventually come to respect the loyal, spiritual, brave Navajo, who started out code talkers but ended up Marines. Yet Beach, a Saulteaux, who built his reputation in unconventional, realistic, independent films about natives (*Soul on Ice*, *Dance Me Outside*), insists it's a step forward for Hollywood. "I have never seen an

Indian in war before," says Beach, "and my character is very real. He's not as strong as we always portrayed. His spirituality is seen as a personal healing process. Whereas, in other films it's been more of a show, let's take care of the white man and bring him into our culture."

No doubt, when *Windtalkers* is released this week, Beach will be hailed by the U.S. media as a talented newcomer, but his career began 12 years ago as a teenager in Winnipeg. "I was taking drama in high school, just goofing around," he says. "But then Johnny Duppi's *21 Jump Street* came on TV and I fell in love. I wanted to be an actor." His first gig was a 30-second scene in a canoe with *Graham Greene* in the TV movie *Lost in the Barrens* (1990). The director suggested Beach get some experience. After three years of theatre, the same director hired Beach for a starring role in another TV movie, *Spirit Rider*. Film offers soon followed.

Beach, whose marriage to lawyer Meredith Porter ended last year, is moving to L.A. But he'll be spending half his time in Ottawa with his two sons, Noah, 6, and Luke, 4, who are extras in *Windtalkers*. When the filmmakers asked Beach if they could use Luke for a second scene in the movie, he said no. "I don't want to expose one more than the others," he explains. "Even with sons, they get the same thing, only one gets blue and one gets green."

The actor says that the move to L.A. is only temporary and that his future plans will bring him back to his roots. "I have political aspirations," says Beach, who spends time working with native youth in Canada, and is close friends with Assembly of First Nations leader Matthew Coon Come. "They are on hold, considering what's going on in my career. But I am giving myself another 10 years in which to go to school. I need to learn more about the political system, as opposed to just speaking from my heart. Who knows, maybe when I am like 50, I'll become a chief and get into it that way." If he can conquer Hollywood, Canadian politics will be a walk in the park.

Cage: Michael Ochs



Beach (front) breaks through in Woo and Cage's controversial war film

BY SHERRY PETERS

It's like walking through a graveyard," David Rayner says after a prolonged period of silence. All the men are silent when they arrive at the rubble that is their former workplace. The quiet is punctuated by the sound of go-karts racing around what was once the mill's yard. Roger Wiles wanders off. Alone, he traces what was his area of the mill with his finger and then stands, with his back to the rest of the crew and looks out at the lake. "We tried to hold on the mill," he says later. "But the company put a deadline that we could not meet."

For all of the men here today—Rayner, Wiles, Ken James and Jack Gasey—it is their first time back at the site since TimberWest Forest Corp. tore down the Yaouba sawmill, outside Duncan on Vancouver Island. Collectively the four represent 86 years of service to the mill. They founded the Yaouba TimberLess Society when the mill closed in January 2001, losing 220 workers without jobs. In response, TimberLess mounted a round-the-clock vigil for about four months, blocking a driveway twice on two occasions. Since then, the group has met in the union hall every Wednesday night, and has organized rallies, mounted a Web site, made three videos, secured extended medical coverage for its members and held a Christmas party.

Rayner's compassion to a graveyard is more literal here than he intended. His neighbor, a local journalist, is investigating the discovery on site of a headstone of one of the early Chinese mill workers—perhaps one of the ones paid less than a day while their white co-workers earned 55 cents. But Rayner was talking more about the other kind of graveyard he'd find that buries the memories of fashions and some working together and the hope they had of seeing their sons join them.

Maureen McKewen and Alex Frenn did not get to the site. The two own Yaouba's only mini-mart, and Alex worked at the mill for 26 years. On the door of the mart, next to a handwritten sign asking people to bell their dachas when they drop off food for a family with a medically ill five-year-old, is a poster reading: making that the more supports TimberLess. Minnie mill sounds shaken as she describes the time of the mill's closing. The company, the boys brought in security people who drove "up and down the roads of Yaouba firing people, even



WHEN LOGGERS TURN GREEN

A new dissident alliance builds in B.C.'s forests

while going into the post office to get their mail." That was around the same time as the injunctions that prevented anyone from being on TimberWest property, including the logging roads that were the only access to some people's cabins.

TimberWest does not deny any of this. "We did what we thought was reasonable

in the circumstances to protect our assets and our employees," says CEO Paul McEligott. But these are the ingredients that are making a new breed of radical in B.C. It is why today in Yaouba the four lumberjacks are accompanied by their suit back by Jeff Thompson, a vegetarian tree-hugger from the Sierra Club of B.C.

who has become an ally. "What is unique about the Yaouba folks," he says, "is that they have stuck together and remained focused on the bigger picture, even after the mill is gone. They really put a human face on how wrong it is that our public forests aren't being used for public good."

Strange as it may seem, the same guys who once drove big trucks with bumper stickers defiantly proclaiming "log it, burn it, pave it" on their way to doing just that are now finding common cause with save-the-planet types and First Nations groups

protesting for land rights. In a province that has seemed to hold on in unofficial motto, "What's good for the lumber companies is good for B.C.," long-simmering grievances have been nixed by the Canada-U.S. softwood lumber dispute and fanned by the provincial government's proposals for reform. The result is that growing num-

bers of workers and community leaders scattered throughout B.C. believe their future lies with the very groups they once thought distasteful.

Dale Lore sounds more like a plan and simple, no-nonsense guy than a warm and fuzzy person when he says he wants to get the logging company he works for "off our backs," and "The firm is U.S.-owned Weyerhaeuser Co. They want to sit in Timbers and set in asbestos landmines and have us mine and pillage our own land and then ship it to them," he says. "We're loggers. There is no advantage to us cutting ourselves out of our own home." He and the rest of Weyerhaeuser's crew on the Queen Charlotte Islands took a day off last week to have a barbecue and open-mike day with the Haida Nation, which has given a court order confirming that it must be consulted about logging on land it claims. The event, Lore says, was intended to be a show of support for the Haida's land claim and for their loggers' demand that the government and Weyerhaeuser slash the annual allowable cut in half.

Lore, who lives in the timber town of Port Clements, is normally a member of the Industrial, Wood & Allied Workers of Canada—the IWA—which he says is known in some circles as I Walk Alone because of the job losses at places like Yaouba. He says if he had his way, he would rather work for the Haida and get rid of the company altogether. And don't talk to him about Victoria. "What this government wants to do with this Forest Act will put an eight back in the backlogs," he maintains. "It will be a disaster for small communities and the forests. There'll be another war in the woods, only this time it will be the ecologists and the environmentalists standing together saying, 'no, we are not going to let you cut that.'"

The object of Lore's ire is a set of proposals the government's Premier Gordon Campbell tabled last December. Lore and other critics sound slightly conspiratorial when they suggest that the proposals were not really meant to address the softwood dispute. They point out that many of the arguments we've seen on the American side for or would want. As it happens, the backbone of the proposals agrees.

Forest Minister Michael De Jong says the primary motivation for the package

was not meant in meeting American demands and thus avoiding the 37-per-cent tariffs that came into effect on May 22. It was, he says, to make changes that gave the companies what they said they wanted—more control over when and how they log and what they do with the trees they cut. De Jong says he will implement his proposals regardless of what happens with Washington or, as he puts it, "what some lumber barons in the U.S. might think about them." Historically, worse—the right to log on public land—was tied to classes that required the company to process the wood locally and to cut a tree that guaranteed steady employment over a certain period of time. De Jong's proposals eliminate those requirements and grant the companies new rights, including the ability to parcel off and sell their timber without penalty.

The logging companies for the most part like the proposals. TimberWest CEO McEligott says policies designed to produce employment are no longer appropriate in the current global economy, and he emphasizes there will be more mill closures due to overcapacity. "We have an industry that has seen a fair degree of social engineering," he says. "Those policies may have worked at one time but they are just not appropriate in today's environment."

McEligott's only complaint, as head of the largest owner of private forests in B.C., is that the proposals don't allow for privatization of some public forests, although De Jong has not ruled that out for discussion. But McEligott adds that about half of the wood from TimberWest's privately owned forests is exported raw for processing in the U.S. and Japan.

Red flag. Nothing unites environmentalists, First Nations, communities and forestry workers like the issue of raw log exports. Workers and communities see potential jobs—in a furniture manufacturing plant, say—floating and trucking past their towns and over the border. And for environmentalists the question has always been simple—the more logs created and money generated from a single log, the fewer trees cut.

Moreover, there have always been suspicions that the companies find ways to get around an official quota ban, which allows the export of raw logs only when no other domestic company is willing to buy them. Rick Dennis, CEO of Duncan Industries Ltd., the second-largest coastal woodland operator in the province, admitted to



Mindred that corporate collusion happens in one instance, he says, a company that supplies his mills with logs has a long-standing agreement that Dorman may not bid on any of their other logs, even if it has a need for them. Such companies, Rick Dorman says, "get very upset" if there's like his black potential exists by bidding. In 2000, about 3.2 per cent of the B.C. harvest was exported as raw logs. It was nearly double the amount just two years earlier.

Albie Mindred, mayor of Huxford in northern B.C., says that under the current system, local businesses often cannot get their hands on wood that is logged from their own communities. "They need to have competitive logging markets so that people can get access to wood," says Mindred. "We have several firms that tried to start value-added businesses, but the big companies like raising the price of their wood until it was beyond reach." Turning one value-added products like furniture is important to people like Mindred because it creates more jobs than simply cutting, drying and processing the logs into two-by-fours. A 2001 consultant's study reported that while 63 per cent of Ontario's wood exports were value-added products, in B.C. the figure was 10 per cent. "Our community has suffered especially at the hands of distant ownership," says Mindred. "We believe the government needs to take back some of the resource and allow small businesses and communities a chance to manage their forests."

Mindred's council, along with 100,000-

"I want to see my grandkids working here," says James, stressing sustainability

pal associations representing communities in the Kootenays, Vancouver Island and the north, endorse an alternative set of proposals put together by the Coalition for Sustainable Forest Solutions, a Vancouver-based lobby group. Spokesman Will Haines says the proposed system leaves too much political clout in the hands of the large companies. "What we want is B.C. as a province that creates true market conditions," says Haines, arguing that the coalition's proposals would satisfy the Americans and end the dispute. He gets some support in that claim from John Rogosa, lawyer for the U.S. Coalition for Fair Lumber Imports, the group whose complaint that Canada subsidizes its lumber industry led to the imposition of tariffs. "Clearly," Rogosa says, "the proposals clarify those other groups address some of the key issues." One of the main U.S. demands, he notes, is more reform.

The B.C. coalition wants 50 per cent of revenue to be taken back and redistributed to small businesses, woodlands and community forests, or put towards creating five Northern land trusts. Additionally, it says, 66 per cent of the wood harvest should be available to anyone at market prices. The B.C. government has proposed that only the 13 per cent of output it controls be allocated to market pricing. The remaining 87 per cent would continue to be controlled by major logging companies.

Business

The coalition also helped draft a letter sent to International Trade Minister Pierre Pettigrew and all B.C. legislators expressing disapproval of the proposed reforms and the way the sawwood lumber dispute is being handled. It was signed by a range of forestry and other unions, by First Nations groups including the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs, and by environmental organizations like the David Suzuki Foundation and the Sierra Club of B.C. Collectively, the signing unions represent the majority of forestry workers in Canada, including those in the pulp and paper industry as well as loggers in Quebec and Ontario. But notably absent from the list was the powerful IWA, which represents the majority of loggers on the coast.

Over the phone, IWA Canada president Dave Haggard barks out that he and his union had nothing to do with the letter. Haggard says he opposes the idea of more takeback and the creation of community forests and woodlots, arguing they would de-unionize the logging industry—something he says would be known to anyone who "bothered to open a history book." Even coalition members outside this has been the case in the past, but they argue this was mainly because the community forests have been so small they could not sustain a union. The coalition suggests that larger subsidies would allow for unionized workers. The IWA, however, has taken a non-confrontational approach with the government, responding to each proposal with its own suggestions under the heading, *There is a Better Way*. It has also called for a boycott of U.S. products and has lobbied the borders to inform Americans of the hardship that is being inflicted on Canadian workers because of the dispute.

Back in Vancou, standing on a clear-cut that stretches across a river, Ken James employs the millennialist's buzzword to explain the present situation. "When you talk sustainability," he says, "if the company has a 10-year focus, then sustainability is 10 years. Well, in 10 years I don't want to see all the hills bare. I want to see young grandkids working here, and that is where the so-called workers' people share an interest." He stands there with the Sierra Club's Jill Thompson, beside him, an ex-unionist and an environmentalist going at a clear-cut, looking for a way forward together. ☐

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The loonie's new tune

Last week, I raised the question of the possible onset of a good news/bad news bear market—the U.S. dollar. The dollar's slide since January has been good news for Canadians, Australians and Europeans, and has been bad news for holders of U.S. stocks and bonds.

How did the U.S. dollar get so overvalued that it could be subject to a major bear market? In large measure, the dollar's overvaluation was a side effect of the financial excesses of the 1990s. The dollar benefited big time from the tech stock boom, as investors worldwide poured money into the U.S. to get in on the greatest bull market of all time. America had the best technology, the best investment banks, the best media, and the best economic and political environment. Naturally, these advantages meant the U.S. had the best currency. What

is a currency but a paper encapsulation of a nation's economic, political and financial accomplishments?

Not was the foreign odour for U.S. assets confined to stocks. The stronger the dollar got, and the more prestigious Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan became, the more foreign investors wanted to acquire U.S. bonds.

So great was this shared enthusiasm that global investors chose to ignore the obvious: the U.S. had the industrial world's lowest savings rate, and the world's largest trade deficits. U.S. manufacturing was engaged in outsourcing on an unbridled scale because it was too broadly uncompetitive. The greenback was the IOU of a nation that had made an art form of the lifestyle of living beyond one's means.

In recent weeks, global investors have begun an agonizing reappraisal of their U.S. risks. They are heavily weighed in U.S. stocks—and the U.S. has been the worst-performing of major markets. They find themselves heavily weighted in U.S. bonds whose coupon rates don't cover the depreciation in the U.S. currency since January let alone what could lie ahead. U.S. short-term interest rates are in the two per cent range—lower than virtually anywhere except semi-commote Japan. A two-percentage point rise in the rate wipes-out a year's income at these minimal rates.

Global institutional investors tend to think currency flow, stock valuations second. They know that a big currency move can wipe out whatever edge they might have achieved through good stock or good stock-picking. They also know that clients are actually aware of currency swings. That recognition was a reason managers kept pouring more money into U.S. stocks even when they complained that the U.S. was by far the most expensive stock market in the world—in trad-

ings, they were denied credit by the currency. Now, with the softening U.S. dollar, they find themselves skating toward open water.

They are already cutting back sharply on new add-ons into U.S. assets. The real pain for the dollar will come if they get scared and start to become sellers. The need to finance the \$1.7-billion-a-day current account deficit then becomes an overarching problem for the global financial system.

What's bad news for greenbacks is good news for loonies. The Canadian dollar didn't deserve its motto, ignominious valuation. The nation was already recovering from its long years of folly, and it had a new central bank governor who was tough, smart and candid about what made economies tick and currencies perform. If it hadn't been for the late, organic rush into the U.S. dollar, the loonie would never have gotten to 62 cents (and the euro would never have gotten down to 84 cents).

The most obvious effect of the dollar's decline to date is the new global enthusiasm for gold. Gold usually trades inversely to the value of the dollar—the currency that replaced it as the store of value at Bretton Woods 58 years ago. Should the dollar's decline

become a rout, gold will soar.

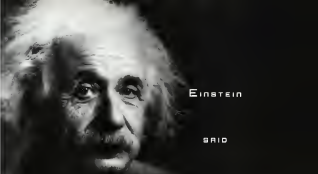
Foreigners are stepping up their purchases of Canadian equities, wanting to get relatively cheap stocks in a very cheap currency. That process takes a long time to build momentum, because Canada is a small, somewhat overlooked market. But Canada's weight in global stock indices has begun to rise as Canadian stocks outperform U.S. stocks and the loonie surges. That process eventually becomes self-reinforcing as even more foreigners rush to load up on the now North American winning investment. Canadian stocks give foreigners access to the U.S. economy at lower price-earnings ratios and in a stronger currency. The Toronto Stock Exchange should be one of the world's best stock markets in the next year.

Naturally, Canadians are the last to believe the worm has turned. A leading Canadian economist recently described his investment strategy as "getting the hell out of Canada into the U.S.," a pronouncement that often new evidence that economists rarely make capable investment drivers.

In the currency world, what goes down drives something else up.

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Big, beautiful Canada—pristine land of mountains, forests and abundant clean water, right? Well, that's what the mass brochures would have people think. The reality, as many Canadians know, can be starkly different. Remember the seven deaths in the E. coli outbreak in Walkerton, Ont., in May 2000, and the Cryptosporidium episode last year in North Battleford, Sask., where 7,000 fell ill.

It doesn't have to be that way. Trojan Technologies Inc. in London, Ont., makes equipment that zaps water clean, using the energy from ultraviolet light. Most of Trojan's business is in sewage treatment, but the company is pushing hard to convince municipalities to use UV light to disinfect drinking water. In early April, North Battleford's treatment plant began using Trojan equipment. Randy Strickoff, the city's director of public works, says so far the \$100,000 hardware is performing well. "The best indicator is when you don't have any problems with your water, and that's been the case," says Strickoff. "That's the real test for us."

Trojan UV bulbs resemble rubberlic fluorescent lamps, and are mounted upright in a pipe, perpendicular to the water flow. As water rushes past the activated bulbs, UV energy neutralizes disease-causing organisms, including E. coli. Cryptosporidium and Giardia. North Bay, Ont., installed a system last year, too. Trojan also makes smaller units, at \$400 and up, for cottages and farmhouses that draw

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Crime and prophecy

Walter Mosley is the best-selling author of the Easy Rawlins mysteries as well as two works of recent fiction, including his latest book, *Fatherland (Fence)*. A guest of honour at the Bloody Words Mystery Conference—the Crime Writers of Canada's annual convention (Toronto, June 14-16)—Mosley, 58, spoke with Maclean's Senior Writer Brian Bockheim about writing and race in America.

Maclean's: Considering the cross-gender work you've done lately—even winning a Gensberg for your first entry to a Richard Poe anthology—do you still think of yourself as a mystery writer?

Mosley: I've taken up poetry too, so I think of myself as a poet. All those genres belong to me. I must be being pigeonholed.

Maclean's: Is that your feeling, too, about being considered a spokesman for black culture?

Mosley: No, I'm not a spokesman for it. Black culture doesn't belong to me. But that question does have resonance. To everyone in America I'm black regardless of any personal history, my Jewish mother. You know, I once did a tour of Jewish book festivals. I was the *hillel-yee-moshe* exhibit. Sometimes I'm a human being, sometimes a race, sometimes a black man—depends on who I'm dealing with brings to the table.

Maclean's: The Easy Rawlins series are set just before the 1960s civil rights struggle. What's the attraction of that era for you?

Mosley: You have to realize that wasn't too very long ago, fiction in America was completely in the hands of white people. It was about their tragedies, their successes, their moments of the world. When you look back to the writing of the '20s, '30s, '40s, there's not much black fiction and a lot wasn't covered. There's Richard Wright and James Baldwin, but they were purely socio-political writers. So, great books but no genres, no mysteries, no books people read to have fun. I'm happy to try and fill part of what's missing.



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Mosley writes about black male protagonists who perceive themselves as outsiders

Maclean's: Your books aren't that explicit.

Mosley: How could a novel not be its part

a social critique? It would be more surprising to read a book without that. You'd be saying, "My God, I just read a novel and it was about nothing." Now, it might be I'm a little more caring than most writers that way, that I pay a little more attention to the culture and attitudes of my characters. In any genre, I write about black male protagonists who understand themselves in those terms, outsiders in a white world.

Maclean's: Most of your post-fiction would be horrible—racist regimes vowing to kill "inferior" people, giant corporations run everything and individuals have almost no control over their lives.

Mosley: Yeah, the stories are about personal autonomy, and the struggle to maintain it against insidious forces. My characters, good and bad, are fighting for control in a world that wants to wipe it out.

Maclean's: You expect to see this world?

Mosley: It's all really possible. Right now you can isolate racial identities and create diacritics to kill your targets. I wrote this before anthrax started to go through the mail. Our technology is high, but the harms are still primitive. So are social conditions, like the inhumanity of prisons and how people are treated.

Maclean's: There's certainly a lot about prisons in your novels.

Mosley: Well, black in America—you ought to be interested in prisons.

Maclean's: Did Sept. 11 change your view of the future?

Mosley: Not at all. That world is even more likely. We'll start sanding devices, little computers, to people so we know where they are at all times. That's something my government would love. I'm glad they can't do it today because I think they would in a minute.

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Schmaltz, with Bullock (centre), is *Southern-fried Schmaltz* about a author's secrets

Having just come back from Cannes, where I saw 27 films with no popular interest in French and English, I felt ready to see a movie movie. First, just to relieve the palate, I dashed into a week-day matinee of *The Sum of All Fears*, which a colleague had reviewed in my absence. Relief of any responsibility to pass judgment, I looked forward to the guilty pleasure of seeing Kiefer's face belated on Ben Affleck's baby finger. And God knows, I did my best to look in the Diddy shock wave of a nuclear bomb annihilating Baltimore, and to absorb the effie of the South African atrocity drama.

But I kept being distracted by the movie's Big Idea. Namely that in this new millennium of globalized fear, the CIA—the same CIA that sponsored Osama bin Laden—is our hope and salvation. The film portrays the CIA as a force of actual intelligence, a kind of occult force that's infinitely wise and omniscient. Our father who art undercover.

Then off I went to *Bad Company*, another movie about the CIA saving us from weapons of mass destruction. It's an odd-couple comedy/thriller pairing a defunct couple Chaz and a paternal Anthony Hopkins. And even after seeing it, I can't tell if the tagline on the poster—"The world is in good hands"—is meant to be ironic or reassuring. *Bad Company* hails from the badder arms dealer among Hollywood action producers, Jerry Bruckheimer (*Armageddon*, *Fast & Furious*). With director Joel Schumacher (*Baroness & Ruby*), and a guard of screenwriters, he's concocted a high-concept picture requiring a high-wise suspension of disbelief.

Hopkins plays Glyford, a CIA veteran who recruits a streetwise idiot soldier named Jake (Bullock) to replace his identical twin brother—a sophisticated agent who's been murdered while negotiating to buy a nuclear suitcase bomb. In this Pygmalion scenario, Glyford has nine days to transform a jive-talking punk into a black James Bond. Jake's mission is to buy the bomb before it falls into the wrong

hands and explodes New York City.

These days, it's hard to accept blowing up Manhattan as a plot device in a jolly thriller. Roddy got some funny lines, but in the undercover business of acting he never succeeds in subverting his persona to a stand-up comic. Hopkins, meanwhile, looks bored, serving as a nice straight man. But there's a funny look in his eyes—as if a bewildered Richard Burton had wandered off the set of *The Spy Who Came in from the Cold* and stumbled into a slot on *Saturday Night Live*.

Enough with boys and bombs. Now on the agenda was (if you'll pardon the expression) a chick flick. And, to be perfectly honest, as I dragged myself to *Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood*, I felt unqualified to review it (hard the title, hadn't read the Rebecca Wells novel on which it's based, and had heard nothing but bad things about it from female friends who had, in other words, I was determined to watch it with an open mind).

Life's First Green Tenses, this is a Southern flashback novel, about a young woman listening to her elders around the deep, dark past. And like those CIA pictures, it involves an occult conspiracy. Viv (Ellen Burstyn) belongs to a quarter of steel magnates who have documented their 40-year friendship in a budding compendium of "divine secrets." Viv gets locked in a feud with her daughter Sella (Sandra Bullock), a famous playwright, after Sella blabs to a copmate about being beaten as a child. With Sella's wedding plans in jeopardy, the sisterhood springs into action. Viv's pals kidnap Sella and fly her from New York City back home to Louisiana.

Then, they arrange the Spanish moss of her mother's plot: *Ashley Judd* plays the young Viv, a Southern belle stuck with four kids and a frustrated ambition to be a big city newspaperwoman. Between the shapelier script and Judd's arch acting, Viv is neither likable nor credible, and when the big revelation comes, it's anticlimactic. Most of my sympathy was directed toward Bullock, who seemed as puzzled by her role as I was, and director Callie Khouri. She'd been trying to direct a movie ever since writing *Thelma & Louise* a decade ago, and accepted this one with reluctance. No wonder. *No-30 Sisterhood* is the kind of "women's movie" that ghettoizes the genre, a piece of Southern-fried schlock so lame that, no matter how disqualified by gender, I can condemn it with total confidence. It's good to be home. ■



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Like could be said about The Tragically Hip that would sway music lovers in their view of the band. If you're into them, an amount of concern will shake your faith. If you're not, chances are you think every song sounds the same and don't understand the appeal. Hip lovers will no doubt be righteous about the band's somewhat retro new release, *In Violet Light*. After an uneven run with their past few albums, the Hip have reached back to two of their most popular discs, *And a Gentleman* (1991) and *Fully Completely* (1992). The 11 tracks on this ninth studio release forgo the experimentation of some recent songs and display a more sophisticated approach to the Canadian-themed, black-and-white folk-rock for which the quintet is known. It's the most mature disc of the band's 15-year recording career.

While the lyrics are filled with lessons from life, the Hip want to reassure fans they haven't strayed too far from their younger days. After all, they still pump out "music that can take you away," as vocalist Gord Downie sings on *Use It Up A Beautiful Thing*, a quintessential Hip summer song, a folky tune that evokes afternoon at the cottage. The words were inspired by Bobbie Conroy's *Use It Up*, one of Downie's favourite children's stories. The driving final track, *The Dark Country*, has fun in its second half with surrealist imagery of a drive-in double feature—lean and the imaginary film of the song's title.

Yet Downie, who writes all the lyrics, hasn't completely abandoned the darkness

The first single, *At a Good Life/You Don't Wonder*, is a line from a novel by English writer Alice Sullivan which the band's road manager used to say to her daughter Moody and contemplative, it's a curious choice for a debut single. Downie means "let's get friendship right," and songs of discerning you forget to bring skates to the arena for the big hockey game, a Canadian ruse on the raised-on-stage nightmare.

One of the strongest songs, *The Deer Wolf*, was inspired by the Wallace Stevens poem *Sea Surface Full of Clouds*, and is another Hip play on Canadian mythology. A haunting note both musically and lyrically, it tells us about the ocean's impact on the Newfoundland coast some 100 km from Downie's Toronto in a case that includes Wallace's *Bankhead* and Canada Lee, two actors who appeared in Alfred Hitchcock's war drama *Lifeline*, and the extinct prehistoric wolf of the song's title.

Producer Hugh Padgham, whose record includes *The Police* symphony, XTC's *English Settlement* and a series of successful Genesis and Phil Collins albums, brings



The Hip (with Downie second from right) gets a tad retro

the band's sound to a new level. Often bright, vocals seem to disappear in Hip albums, but the effort from guitarist Paul Langlois and bassist Gord Sinclair isn't wasted here. *In Violet Light* comes across as the wayward directions of the recent past while subverting the best of the band's earlier days. **David Chiari**

overlaid pic, in the rules of an abandoned beachfront amusement park. They suited in the morning—perfecting a low crouch, finger trailing style—then applied their moves to homemade skateboards in the afternoon. During a drought in Los Angeles, they would sneak into empty swimming pools and ride the curved walls until they were earning six-to-skateboarder's first, second, third... (Downie taps a rich vein) how has photographer Craig Strong and Glen E. Friedman (kissing between stills and moving images) the visual have a hypnotic pull, and so do the characters. Between Tony Alva, who made the jump to television, and Jay Adams, who lost his balance to drugs and alcohol, those robed angels offer a time-lapse portrait of paradise lost. **Brian Johnson**

Useful to whom?

Whiplash, an injury to common in the U.S. that in annual cost is estimated to reach as high as \$18 billion, was first medically treated in 1955. Anyone who assumes it merely was undervalued technological should read *Whiplash and Other Traumatic Injuries* (McGill-Queen) by Toronto psychiatrist Andrew Makkani. With cynical wit—the book is dedicated “to all the chiropractors, osteopaths and other animals that don't consider death in vain attempts to prove that whiplash people have been truly injured”—the author traces the history of an epidemic. What was once neck ache, a condition that faded in weeks, now cripples millions. Many other modern maladies (fibrositis) comes in for some biting commentary. Makkani claims, are also simply fodder for a medical-industry that needs diseases like the letterbox code needs ones.



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How skateboarding took off

Like the Hula Hoop, the skateboard was born in the 1950s, but the idea of coasting on concrete was died by the late '60s. Its current incarnation can be traced back to the Z Boys, a gang of California teens surfing adjacent strip of Venice Beach in the early 1970s. *Skateboard and Z Boys* tells the available story of how a few young sailors followed the aggressive art of modern skateboarding, and accidentally gave birth to a pop culture phenomenon. Narrated by Sean Penn, and edited with a gritty pulse, this hyperactive documentary weaves music, vintage footage and stunts with contemporary interviews of the Z-Boys as middle-aged men. Because the film was directed by one of its



subject, Stacy Peralta, it has an edge of urgency, but not variety that also accounts for its uneven, prompting variety and style. The Z-Boys started out as surfing daredevils who tried to risk their lives between the timbers of a



A philosopher, age four

I was sweeping behind the chickenfold the other day, and my thoughts naturally turned to the great Woody Man-smoth. As I recall, several years ago, some scientists discovered a five-year-old man-smoth pursued in the wildlands of the Siberian steppes, and what did they do? They had deconstruct a luncheon. I kid you not.

If you think that chomping down on 10,000-year-old steak is a sensible way to celebrate an important scientific discovery, you obviously don't have any children around your house. The scientists were simply chomping the four-year-old in us all. They were re-creating the child-hood meal of future.

Homoclearing is not place always resembles archaeology, you never know what you will unearth, and sure enough, out from behind the couch rolled a chocolate egg from some Easter past. Because sweeping behind the crack a one of my [phantom] darts, God only knows how long that egg had been back there. It might have been years.

Not that it mattered to my four-year-old son, Alex. The chocolate egg hadn't even finished rolling when he leapt upon it.

"Spin it out!" I shouted just as he swallowed. "You'll get sick!"

"No, I won't. Because we won't all Mean."

Like four-year-olds everywhere, Alex lives in an "observer-affected universe." It was a Zen koan made manifest: *If chocolate is consumed and Alex is not present to see it, what is still sweet?* Of course not. Four-year-olds intuitively understand that a tree, falling unobserved in the woods, makes no sound.

Easter is not about theology, it is about archeology. And what is the point of discovering an egg behind the couch or a man-smoth in the garden if you can't eat it?

Here, then, are some of the philosophical ruminations I have gleaned from my son, ranging from the editorial to the epistemological:

Stink Dinos is the rest of all celebrity culture. The twinkling excitement, the carefully choreographed public appearances, the photographic sycophants, the pleading, deluded fan letters—the cult of celebrity begins at Santa's knee. It's no secret why Santa's basket, Santa Claus from the Soviet Union, there was only room enough for one personality cult in Uncle Jack's field.

God is the best refuge of degenerate parents. My four-year-old son has internalized the Socratic method of debate with deman-



ing first, and every conversation I have with him lately ends up sounding like this:

"Go to sleep. It's bedtime."

"No, it's not. We sleep when it's dark out. It's not dark out. So I don't have to go to sleep." (Note the expressive syllables he presents.)

"It is bedtime. The only reason it's not dark yet is because it's summer."

"Why?"

"Because in summertime the earth tilts towards the sun."

"Why?"

"I don't know. Something to do with the earth's gravitational field."

"Why?"

Sigh. "Because gravity pulls objects towards each other."

"Why?"

"Because God said so, don't you? Now go to sleep."

I admit that invoking the theological designs of a Supreme All-Knowing Deity in order to win a debate with a four-year-old over bedtime is just one step away from answering "Why?" with an angry "Because!"—but if it gets him into his Pajamas pajamas, that's all that matters.

Identity is a social construct. Hence how four-year-olds play. They have a quick ad hoc meeting at the edge of the playground to decide who they will be before charging off in a scabally Lee-cokian manner. "Remember? I'm Buzz Lightyear. You're the green Power Ranger. And Aya is a princess. Let's go!"

I tried to convince the parents at the playground to follow suit. "OK, I'm a powerful business magnate! You're a fashion model with a degree in marine biology, and we are on a beach in the French Riviera drinking champagne coolers." But they just looked at me with a mix of fear and pity in their eyes, and backed away slowly.

This Father's Day, my quota of potential philosophical input has doubled with the arrival of a new baby. And now that Alex has a little brother to torment and torment—no, mentor and nurture—I expect the level of dialectical discourse will heighten. I have been watching two-month-old Alister very closely and, as far as I can tell, he brooms a form of "passive-boredom," one that revolves primarily around bodily functions.

I have much to learn.

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